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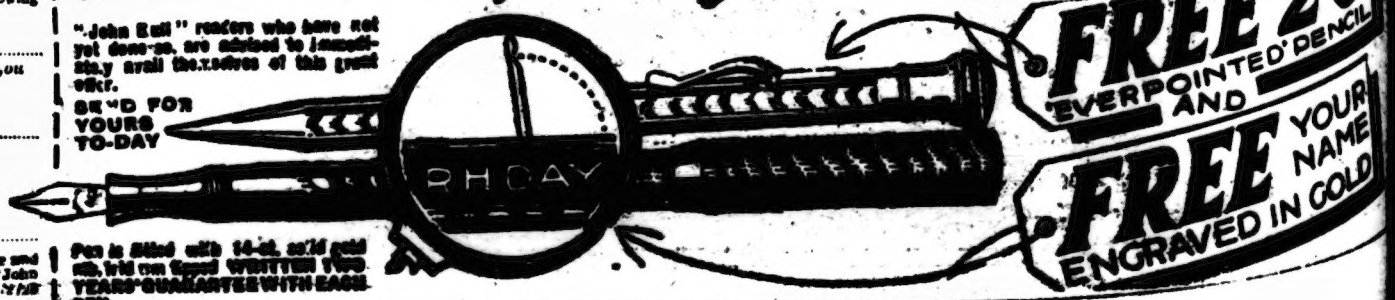

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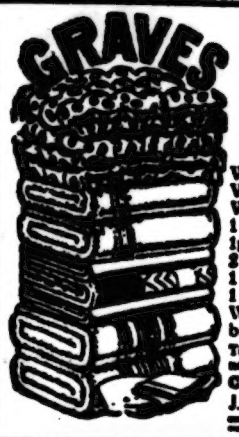

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(Mrs.) **R. D. Ashmore.**

New Hair Grew On Bald Places.

Goxhill, Nr. Hull.

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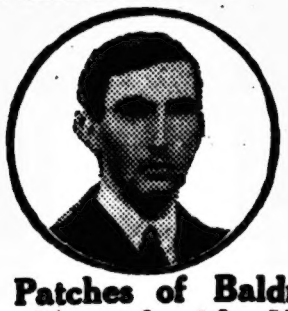
You may use this testimony if you wish to do so, and help convince the sceptical that **Kotalko is genuine.**

George Dent.



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W. G. Smith.

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Nr. Farnham (Surrey).

When I began to use Kotalko I **was quite bald I used to wear a silk cap** to cover my head, as I had given up all hope and was tired of trying things to get my hair back again.

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(Mrs.) Nellie O'Neill.

New Hair At 75.

Carnarvonshire.

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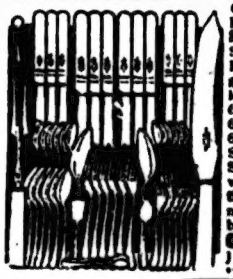

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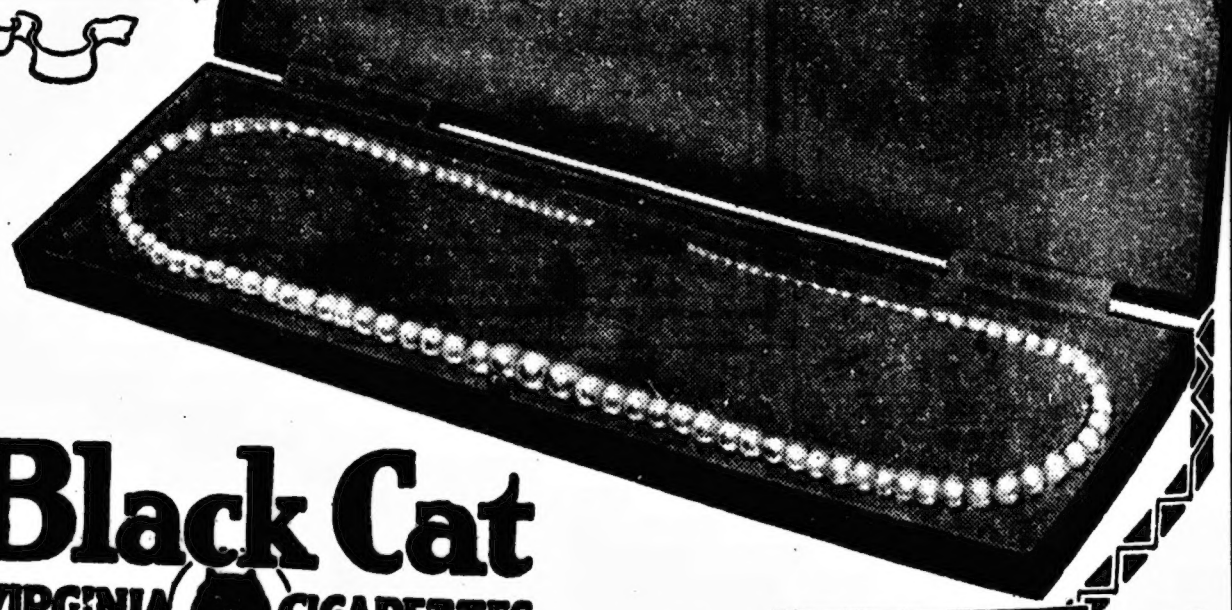

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e'll Wait and See.

Mr. Baldwin has reiterated his election pledge t to introduce Protection, and for the moment ere is nothing more to be said. We can only it and see how his attempts to reconcile promise d policy work out.

king for it.

But we foresee trouble. Mr. Baldwin has ened the front door wide to manœuvring and repulling on a big scale. Rival trade interests will tumble over one another to get there st.

ll a Problem.

His excuse will doubtless be our 1,200,000 employed; but since they are mostly in trades at cannot be "safeguarded," that helps nobody. t they must be dealt with. What does he pose to do?

e Premier's Task.

Mr. Baldwin's following in the House of Comons is already spoken of as "the dropsical jority." But political dropsy is easily curable domestic legislation.

ifting!

Since the breakdown of the Agricultural Conence, not a word as to the Government's policy been forthcoming. Is the reason for this fact that they have no policy?

od!

We are glad to see that our protest has been ective and that evictions on Clydebank are stop pending the report of the Commission Investigation. It is now up to both sides to serve the truce loyally.

oking Up.

Foreign buyers, it is good to hear, are once re beginning to crowd into this country. A le careful handling and a good deal of commonse and the corner will be turned at last.

ety Machinery.

The deadlock over the Geneva Protocol shows strangely the inability of the Government to d a method of consulting the Dominions on reign policy. Yet to leave this an unsolved roblem may lead to the break-up of the Empire.

Brighter Prospects.

The fight between the Exchequer and the spending departments is not yet over, but already the estimates are assuming more modest proportions. So long as supplementary estimates are frowned on there is every hope of some relief for the taxpayer.

An Amazing Blunder.

The evacuation of Cologne did not take place because of the Report of the Inter-Allied Commission on German armaments. The Report is not to be published because of British opposition.

Secrecy Breeds Suspicion.

We make no charge. We have no idea what is contained in the Report. We do know, however, that the world will say the Report is not published because we are afraid to publish it.

Why not Lead?

We have reason to believe that the Government is anxious to participate in a new disarmament conference—if someone else will take the responsibility of calling it. But what a world gesture it would be to call it themselves!

The World Danger.

Not one nation has yet attempted to restrict industries with unlimited potentialities for making poison gas "armaments" increasingly hellish. We suggest Britain is great enough to lead.

The Slippery Slope.

The French franc is well on the road that led the German mark to destruction. That the only salvation is to make immediate efforts to pay her debts is obvious to everyone except France.

Safety First.

The more the Government looks at the Trade Union Levy Bill the less it likes it and the storm to which it will give rise. The prospects of it receiving official backing are extremely remote.

Watch Wheatley.

Mr. Wheatley is not in the limelight these days, but he is easily the most influential Labour tactician behind the scenes. Before long he will be the storm-centre of some interesting situations.

Something Brewing.

Winston Churchill, not content with the Exchequer, is busy working out a trade policy that may yet prove to be a bombshell. When Mr. Baldwin appointed him he took a risk which may or may not be justified.

For this Relief.

Mr. Churchill announces that he expects to receive six and a quarter millions by way of reparations during the current financial year. In which case the last excuse for withholding restoration of the penny post goes by the board.

A Kingly Speech.

The King's words on the housing problem should put to shame all who are obstructing progress. He did more than well to draw attention to the deplorable living conditions of the great mass of the people.

Warning the "Rings."

That his words were primarily addressed to the Church matters nothing. They should be heeded by all concerned, for in the word "housing" is comprised all that is meant by social betterment.

For Whom?

Mr. Neville Chamberlain must make up his mind whether houses are being built for the building trade or for those who want to live in them. Of the 199,000 houses authorised, 150,000 have still to be built.

Hopeless.

In the most favourable circumstances this work would take till the autumn of 1926. Does Mr. Chamberlain mean to stand up to the building "rings," or does he not?

The Weir War.

We are unable to comprehend the attitude of the building unions to the proposed trial houses of steel. With housing as it is, "any port in a storm" is the only proper motto for both sides.

Firs and Flats.

British Columbia is able to deliver "Douglas fir houses" in this country at the rate of 5,000 per week. It is nothing but sheer idiocy that prevents the resources of our Colonies being used.

Moving at Last.

When the Food Commission issues its interim Report it will suggest legislation giving the Board of Trade power to inspect the books of organisations dealing in essential foodstuffs. We shall expect Parliament to enforce such a sane proposal.

Scandalous Waste.

Tons of fish lying unloaded at our docks are again being dumped into the destructors as unfit for food. Meanwhile the poor must pay 8d. for one pound of herrings.

Philanthropy in Eggs.

London wholesalers publicly state that eggs leaving market at 1s. 11d. per dozen are retailed to consumers at 3d. and 4d. each. Thus is the lie nailed to the counter that shops are kept open for charity.

While Dentists Flourish.

The King's surgeon-dentist, in drawing attention to white flour products as a cause of decaying teeth, is but voicing an old grievance. What we need is someone to tell us how to obtain any food free from harmful adulterants.

Get on with it.

That the Government is considering plans for the production of cheap electricity is good news—if the consideration is to be followed by bold action. Cheaper electricity means cheap production and healthier working conditions.

Helping the Housewife.

There is really no reason why organisation should not result in electricity at 1½d. per unit, instead of the 6d. or 7d. now charged. It is a matter of intimate concern to every household.

Problems of Life

Good Manners

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

THIS morning I was sitting on an Italian hillside looking down upon the blue Mediterranean amid a scene of calm and peaceful beauty.

Presently the stillness was broken by the sound of tinkling sheep-bells, and a picturesque group came slowly down the stony mountain path.

It was an old shepherd moving in the midst of his flock.

As they drew abreast of my position he raised his hat, made me a courtly bow, and uttered a few words of greeting in his musical tongue.

There was nothing servile in the action; it was done with simple dignity and grace, and the little procession passed on without a pause.

THE incident does not stand alone. The same kind of courtesy is characteristic of the people here and contrasts favourably with the habits of some of my own countrymen at home and abroad.

What has happened to England in this respect of late years?

I do not believe there is less kindness of heart than there used to be, but it is certainly less in evidence.

We do not seem to want to take the trouble to be polite, and rudeness in public is so common as scarcely to be remarkable.

The essence of good manners is consideration for the feelings of others, and it is conspicuously lacking nowadays.

The person who acts with an ostentatious disregard of his neighbours, though he may not be guilty of a misdemeanour, is a bad influence, a social irritant, a cause of ill-will.

The guffaw that greets a mishap, the insolence that shoulders weakness aside or grabs a fleeting advantage, the stony indifference to what other people think, are all tokens of a spirit that is working much harm in our midst to-day.

GOOD manners are not a convention, not a mere artificial polish; they are the expression of genuine right feeling in our relations with one another and cannot be abandoned without grievous loss all round.

The observance of mutual courtesy makes for happiness, and the reverse makes for discontent and friction.

Is not this lack of good manners at the bottom of much of the class antagonism so characteristic of our time?

Good manners and self-respect go together.

Conscientious service in any capacity neither presumes nor cringes.

Bad service and bad manners spring from one root.

**** Many of Dr. Campbell's previous articles have been published in book form under the title of "A Book of Homely Wisdom" (5s. John Lane).*

The WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

The Noble Art.

More power to the elbow of those members of the House of Commons who are working to make boxing matches held under Association rules legal in this country. Public opinion is on their side. The present position is childish, and makes the law look silly.

Public Spirit Needed.

Public admission by our great railway companies of gross carelessness in handling goods for transit is another stab in the back for home producers. Co-operation all round is what is needed in this country to put internal affairs on a sound basis.

The Mote and the Beam.

The Churches, meeting in conference on present-day problems, recommend that every worker be accorded an annual holiday with full pay. A good idea, coming from a body that denies to many of its own servants a living wage.

Unrealities.

If, instead of squabbling over what constitutes a saint, the Church were to set about denouncing social evils and striving to remedy them it might quickly regain the lost respect of the people. An unemployed man should be of more concern to the Church than a dead canon.

Stop the Dry-rot.

There is more than a hint of dissatisfaction with Boards of Guardians in various parts of the country. Inefficiency and antiquated methods are alleged. The public holds the remedy in its own hands. Elections take place in March.

Secrets Revealed.

The plain man welcomes the statement that handbooks explaining the working of Whitehall departments are to be forthcoming. He also wants to know how the money is spent. But if he expects the hand-books to tell him that he'll be disappointed!

None Too Soon.

The use of barbarous methods of restraint in lunatic asylums is to be discontinued from April 1. The Government must also ensure sufficient inspection to make certain the new regulations are observed.

Thorne's Farm.

We are disgusted that relatives of a man awaiting trial for murder must seek police protection because of damage to property by morbid relic hunters. We hope they will be prosecuted with the full rigour of the law.

Curb the Sale.

The throwing of corrosive acid is steadily on the increase. We urge police attention to the laxity which allows irresponsible persons to purchase these deadly fluids.

Public Pests.

We warn Scotland Yard of an epidemic of fraudulent debt collectors. These men—goodness knows how—obtain information of money owing. Under threat of dire penalties they have collected thousands of pounds already. In the interests of hard-pressed traders they must be found.

As We Foretold.

Fourteen new cases of smallpox near Warwick, and seventy-five in another district, show that our prophecy of a new epidemic was not unfounded. When will the Health Ministry take our advice to watch the ports?

Silly Swindlers.

Again attempts are being made in this country to work the "Spanish prisoner" stunt. Even with the "hand of a beautiful daughter" added to the bait, the public have merely responded by notifying the police. That's the way to treat such silly tricksters!

"JOHN BULL'S" FREE INSURANCE GIFT
15,031 Benefits Paid
See page 2.

Dangerous Presumption.

Chemists who go beyond their business and prescribe for serious maladies are a menace. Mrs. Lawrie Ashton, a Nuneaton drug-store keeper, put up a shilling bottle of physic for a bad case of smallpox. She escaped with a penalty of £20. Such leniency is a licence to kill.

Heroes in Obscurity.

To save the life of a man a message appealing for volunteers for blood transfusion was flashed on the screen of a Keighley kinema theatre. Without hesitation four men and two women offered themselves. There are still people in the world willing to make a great sacrifice for others.

A World-wide Evil.

In various parts of the country is demonstrated the misery resulting from the association of white girls with Chinese purveyors of vice. The evil is world-wide, and the failure of Great Britain to give a proper lead at the Geneva Opium Convention has not made it easier to deal with the dope-fiends.

The Mayor's Nest.

Instead of talking about street paraders the Lord Mayor and the Mayoress of York have entertained them. They gave a Sunday evening "at home" to the young couples who usually walk about the streets. York Mansion House has never held more appreciative guests, nor more truly hospitable host and hostess. Other civic notabilities please copy!

Sympathy in Sickness.

Mrs. O'Connor, for twelve months an attendant at the Globe Theatre, Acton, was recently taken ill while at work, and sent home suffering with pneumonia. After a week in bed she received a short note, scribbled in pencil and signed by the local manager on behalf of Provincial Cinematograph Theatres, Ltd., enclosing a week's money and intimating that her services were dispensed with. This could make a fine sob-stuff film.

A Case for Investigation.

It is high time that the Secretary for War gave further consideration to the case of Lieut. Cecil Glendinning, late Royal Irish Rifles. This officer's appeal against being branded with the stigma of insanity was curtly dismissed after a farcical enquiry. The charges made in this unhappy officer's challenge to the Secretary of State, which is being widely circulated, are far too serious to be ignored.

Men who Love Darkness.

Kinemas in some districts have become places of moral peril for young girls, their darkened state being an aid to pruromaniacs who ought to be shot at sight. One of the sleuths is George Arthur Howard, of Warrington, who prefers molesting young girls on seats by his side to film entertainment. His taste in amusement may undergo a change during the six months he is to be interned.

Girls—Beware!

Romantic unmarried women who enter into correspondence with unknown men take risks and imperil their futures, especially when they believe the novelette yarns of "Canadian settlers" who write from outlandish places to English mayors. Many of these "settlers" are rascals, and their object not marriage. White slavers have more than one means of securing recruits, a fact every young English woman ought to know.

Trapping a Blind Man.

A Chorley miner named Finan, blinded in a colliery explosion, received £650 compensation, and in eight months, with the assistance of Annie Rogers, spent the lot. When he was penniless she refused him further lodging. His son, Luke, righteously incensed, took the law in his own hands, and was ordered to pay for damage to the woman's house. It is a pity that some responsible person didn't rescue Finan earlier from the hands of the harpy into whose clutches he too readily fell.

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On a windy day fumes may be blown back upon the occupant of a bath and kill him before he is aware of it. The geyser method of water-heating is blamed, but the real culprits are the gas companies whose greed leads them to pollute household gas with the dangerous carbon monoxide.

Sweated Sandwich-men.

Even a sandwich-man may go on strike, and small blame to him, when the pittance he receives for toiling with his unsightly burden is as little as 3s. 6d. a day. Better that this form of advertising should vanish altogether than be continued at such a cost of human misery.

Too Proud to Beg.

Unable to find a job, and being too proud of his manhood to take the dole, Frederick T. Smith, of Mortlake, suffered and starved. Bravery on the battlefield had brought him the Military Medal and four others; in Ireland he also served for England. And now that it is known how much he is in need—even of bread—some Mortlake employer must find him a regular job.

Black-marked Blackpool.

Blackpool is a health resort for many, but it was not for John Lawrence Clayton. After having fought in the war for homes fit for heroes he was unable to get one for his wife and their five little kiddies. He had to pack them into a caravan which was only 12 ft. by 6 ft. by 7 ft. Blackpool can save its reputation by finding homes for its heroes.

Hodges of a Daughter.

In order to obtain possession of her mother's two-roomed cottage at Upper Hall, near Aldershot, the daughter of Mrs. Bowers under pretence of a friendly visit put the furniture in the street and sent the old lady to the infirmary. Mrs. Bowers is ninety-six, and walks by the aid of two sticks She has secured, in the Courts, restitution of both cottage and furniture. This aged woman deserves a more peaceful evening to her days.

The Invalid in the Ruins.

The plight of an invalid girl lying helpless in a room while the house is being demolished about her ears and her father is vainly trapesing London in search of another is evidence of the "efficiency" of the housing schemes of Tory, Liberal and Labour Ministers of Health. It happened in Blue Anchor Lane, Peckham, not a thousand miles from Whitehall where thousands of houses have been "projected" but not built.

The Man who Isn't.

A welcome help to some in hard times the dole is to others the easy money which destroys manhood and creates the desire for an idle life. This is proved by the selfish, shiftless conduct of William Fielding, of Keighley, who heartlessly spent upon himself payments made to him for the support of his family. One so devoid of the qualities of a man well deserved the two months' sentence.

Selling the Tale.

In an interview with a representative of an American catering trade paper, Mr. Julius Salmon, of J. Lyons & Co., Ltd., said: "We pay our help good wages. Our employees are really better off than their prototypes in the States." He little knows that Lyons' wretched conditions of employment which we exposed were first brought to our notice by American visitors who were shocked by what they had learned as a result of their own investigations.

Hero's Home.

Mr. William Bennett, a married man with three children, who was wounded and gassed in the war, was given a small holding of an acre on the Blighfield Estate, Manchester, under the Government Disabled Soldiers' Scheme. After working the land for two years he found it impossible to make it pay and vacated it, retaining occupation of the house. On the ground that the tenancy of the house is contingent upon cultivation of the land, though there is no such condition in the agreement, the Corporation have secured an order for possession. Is his home to be the street?

George, the Literary Gent.

Walthamstow is now the headquarters of Mr. Henry George, who wants people to pay £1 for the privilege of finding rare books which he will buy from them. When he pointed out that you might get £20,000 for a copy of Shakespeare's "Passionate Pilgrim" we replied that the more found the less valued. He now refers to our criticism as though it were a commendation. By George!

Money Gone West.

Arthur Bell, of 51, Old Market Street, Bristol, who describes himself as "The Leading Football Accountant in the West," shows a very bad example to his followers. Having paid their losses for many weeks competitors began to press him for their winnings. His impudent reply is: "Kindly note that owing to illness I have finished football for this season." Is he off to recuperate with their money?

Winning all Ways.

An individual who goes by the name of "Capt. Rich" started a sporting sheet called "The Winning Way," at 29, Litchfield Street, W.C., and after collecting subscriptions for further issues disappeared without paying the winners of his competitions. Later he issued a similar publication under another name at a different address. Yet the police say they are powerless to take any action in the matter!

A Photographic Fade Out.

Touts representing "The Kent Enlarging Company," Albion House, 163, Borough High Street, S.E., have recently been soliciting orders for life-size enlargements of photographs. In consequence of complaints from readers who had entrusted photographs to them and were unable to obtain either the enlargements or the return of the originals, we wrote to the firm, and, receiving no reply, paid a visit to Albion House, but could discover no signs of life. The concern has apparently faded away and the photos with it.

Shady Sparks.

There seems to have been little improvement in the conduct of the "Electrological Institute" run by J. L. Pulvermacher & Co., Ltd., at 56, Ludgate Hill, E.C., since our exposure. A reader who sent them £12 12s. eighteen months ago was supplied with apparatus different from what she had ordered and costing £15 15s. She returned it in undamaged condition, but after long correspondence is unable to obtain any satisfaction, the concern holding fast to both the machine and the money.

Deliberate Diddling.

A warning is necessary against A. L. Dean and Co., Durham Road, Sheffield, who supply particulars of a money-making scheme for 2s. The last sentence in their circular reads: "In case a reply is not received, write again giving name and address, number of P.O. and date when sent." A reader who sent 2s. and received no acknowledgment has written but can get no reply.

Bogus Tea Bonuses.

Like Charles II. bogus bonus tea merchants seem to be an unconscionable time a-dying. Collectors of "The Eastern Tea and Cocoa Company," Church Street, Fulbourn, Cambridge, simply leave off calling when customers press for their promised cash gifts, and the same practice is followed by agents of "The Provincial Tea Company," 12, Upper Cobden Place, Leeds. The whole business, under whatever name, is a ramp.

Hands Across the Sea.

The Gotham Finance Company, 63, Wall Street, New York City, U.S.A., is stretching hands across the sea with an offer of shares in New Nakamun Coals, Gas and Petroleum, Ltd., promising a big boom in the near future. Present shareholders are offered additional holdings at 2s. 1d.—the price to other investors will be 4s. 2d. If the shares were saleable in America they would not be touted on this side of the Atlantic.

At Long Last.

A rascal named Glanryn Clements has just been sent to jail for obtaining charitable contributions by false pretences This person has long been conspicuous as a thief and a cheat, and has for years been associated with shady schemes. If Scotland Yard make a few enquiries into the characters of some of his associates, they should be able to bring about the arrest of a whole nest of audacious charity frauds. We will help them to do it if they care to call upon us for our dossier.

The Vanishing Trick.

Imagining they were dealing with a reputable firm, a number of readers sent money to H. Lloyd Marshall, 8, Westmoreland Buildings, Aldersgate Street, E.C., for wireless apparatus. They are unable to obtain either the goods or the refund of their money. The firm's premises consisted of a room over a greengrocer's shop, and were tenanted by a man, a boy and a girl typist. These disappeared about a fortnight ago, however, and we fear there is little hope of customers getting satisfaction.

The Human Machine.

Fighting to Win

by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

RELIGION and science are still inclined to debate the question whether man is a fallen angel or a risen reptile. Be that as it may, psychology sees overwhelming evidence that the urge of a man's mental life is onwards and upwards.

There is an eternal struggle proceeding between the incalculable force of creative energy residing in every man, and the tremendous repressive forces of society, conventions, moral barriers and the like.

We are for ever in a state of conflict, conflict which, as a psychologist says, "is the very root and source of life. Without conflict we could never have risen further in our nervous organisation than a series of reflex arcs, even if we could have lived at all."

Every time we meet a difficulty that calls for a battle between our higher and our lower selves, it is well to face it in the knowledge of what hangs on the outcome.

If the battle is won, spiritual and mental energy is released from bondage to unworthy things, refined and spiritualised, and set free to achieve new adjustments on a higher plane of activity.

If the battle is lost, the whole personality sinks back into a lower plane, and the price is, not infrequently an inner sense of shame, of loss of self-respect, a sense of failure that decreases the power of resistance when the next test comes.

EVERY conflict, mental or spiritual, should be fought to a finish. Nothing should be spared to achieve victory.

That every advantage we gain merely becomes a battleground for new problems matters little. For be sure: the conflict will never cease.

The thing to remember is that conflict is a sign of energy making desperate efforts to gain expression on a higher level.

Knowing that, "Fight to win" should be a daily guide.

THE SPIDER OF PARIS

FRENCH TRAPS FOR BRITISH GIRLS

Pitfalls for the Innocent

RECENTLY we exposed the methods of the man styling himself Waechter, who preys on British girls seeking employment in France and is undoubtedly an agent of the White Slave Traffic, whatever his real name and origin may be. It seems that Waechter has a twin soul, who goes by the name of Emil Legien.

To throw dust in the eyes of the employment agencies Legien gives an address at Rue Reaumur, Paris, and even has furnished a telephone number. This, however, happens to be that of a café, where any customer can make or receive telephone calls without charge!

The Rt. Hon. Sir Wm. Joynson-Hicks, Home Secretary, who e department is watching the White Slave question at Geneva.

The methods of Legien can best be illustrated by a case that happened a few days ago. An Irish girl, resident in Paris was anxious to find means of maintaining herself while studying, and advertised through one of the recognised agencies.

Among the enquirers for the address of the girl was an elegant young man who declared that he wanted a capable English shorthand-typist and secretary, who would carry out her duties at the home of his mother at an address given not far from the Luxembourg quarter.

(It so happens that there is at this address a Madame Legien, whose character is beyond question, but she had no knowledge of this man or his requirements.)

It was explained that it was against the rules of the establishment to furnish actual addresses of applicants for positions, but that any message left at the bureau would be passed on.

Legien went away but returned later with a note written on the stationery of one of the best known hotels in Paris. This was passed on in the usual way, and as a result the young lady met the man at the hotel indicated, and there discussed with him the details of the attractive position he had to offer

She was impressed by the agreeable manner of the man, and readily accepted his invitation to pay a visit to his mother's house to be introduced before taking over her duties. He even made a pretence of telephoning to his mother to prepare her for the arrival of the guest!

He pretended to have learned that unfortunately his mother had gone out, but that she would return later in the evening, and in the meantime proposed that the girl should visit a well-known restaurant with him for dinner. The invitation was accepted, and the two had a very pleasant time over dinner, the girl yielding to the pressure on her to drink wine in honour of her new-found post.

Drugged!

There is more than a suspicion that the wine was doctored surreptitiously during a moment when her attention was taken off her companion's actions, for it had more than the usual effects on her, and when later in the evening she set out to make the call on the supposed mother of her future employer she hardly knew what was happening.

When she found her full senses again she was in a well-appointed flat in the Etoile quarter, partly undressed, and listening to violent protestations of love from her companion. Fortunately this young lady is of athletic build and she was able not only to resist the assault of the man, but finally made her escape from the house, with no greater harm than the loss of some clothing and her jewellery.

She was taken in a hysterical condition to the nearest police station and when she had recovered she went with the police to try to locate the flat, but was unable to do so. Her description of Legien and other details satisfied the police that they are dealing with a notorious exploiter of women seeking employment in Paris.

An expert in vice

The man has now been traced to different haunts in Paris, and copies of advertisements from some of the leading English papers have been found in his vacated room, together with correspondence making it clear that the man was laying traps for English girls seeking employment in France.

From some he had received fees on the understanding that he would find them jobs and others he had brought to Paris on the pretence that they were going to obtain attractive posts. Two of the girls thus attracted have been traced by the police. They had experiences of Legien almost similar to that of the Irish girl, but luckily got out of his clutches.

Others were less fortunate, and at the present time the police in Paris are trying to trace some twenty English girls who have been lured to Paris on different pretexts by this monster masquerading as a man. Legien himself has vanished and is thought to have made for Brussels, where the Belgian police are looking out for him; but it is highly probable that he will not be long before he starts his luring tactics again.

Exiled from Home

A Young Girl's Piteous Appeal from a Mental Institution

IT is difficult to understand the mental attitude of some local authorities. We have in mind one that persists in condemning to exile in a public institution a young girl who might well be permitted to return to her home where she would receive all the advantages of parental love and sympathy which are now so sadly lacking.

Such is the position in the case of Eliza Cargill, the daughter of Mr. David Cargill, of Skene Street, Strathmiglo, Fifeshire, N.B. Her story is heavy with pathos, and not devoid of cause for condemnation of the institute involved.

At the age of thirteen, while her father was away at the war, she was found to be suffering from tuberculosis of the spine, which somewhat affected her mental development. She was admitted to the Baldovan Institution for the Feeble-Minded.

She has been there for upwards of five years, but though she has now recovered both physically and mentally, every effort made by her father to secure her release has proved unavailing.

As far back as May last her condition was so near normal that the General Board of Control for Scotland had under consideration the question of her removal to her home on trial. Owing to the attitude of the local authority, however, it was decided that she should remain at the institution for a further period.

A few months later Mr. Cargill received a piteous appeal from his daughter which spurred him to renew his efforts for her release. She wrote as follows:

"MY DEAR FATHER,—I am writing to ask you to take me home, as I am breaking my heart here. It is awful in this place with everybody half silly. I am praying for you to come and take me, and, Dad, I will be good as I have got rid of all my bad temper now. Write by return of post, or I think I will go mad here. It is awful, the same working hard every day and no thanks for what you do. Your loving daughter, MAISIE."

Mr. Cargill at once saw the medical superintendent of the institution, who subsequently wrote to the Inspector of the Poor, Cupar Parish Council, saying, "I am of opinion that it would be quite possible to look after the girl in a private house, and also that she is capable of helping in many ways. She is a good seamstress, knows something of laundry work, and has recently been having lessons in cooking."

This testimony should be sufficient to warrant the release of the girl so that she might help her mother with her household duties, but the Cupar Parish Council have refused to take any action.

Is she being kept a prisoner because the services which she might render at home are found useful at the institution?

Keep Out the Klan!

Hiram wakes us up

DANGER is not only to be found among the third-class passengers who are drifting into this country from abroad. Attention is also necessary in regard to the first-class passengers who are able to land freely because of their possession of wealth. This is particularly the case in regard to the agents of the Ku Klux Klan who are threatening a new invasion.

It seems that the heads of the Klan are impressed with the stories the American papers are publishing of the great doings of the British Fascisti and they are under the impression that it is only necessary to unfurl the banner of the Klan on this side to secure a firm foothold.

For some time they have been seeking a head for their new crusade, and they have fastened on one Hiram G. Kratz, who is reputed to be able to win over the most hostile audiences by reason of his spell binding qualifications.

"I guess Europe wants waking up," says Hiram, "and you bet that Hiram G. Kratz is just the gink to do it."

His British admirers

He goes to Paris first of all, and then on to London for the purpose of establishing his headquarters in that "burg," as he calls it.

Kratz has "a mission" to enrol adherents of the Klan and its methods in this country, and he declares he is already in communication with admirers of the Klan in England who assure him that the country is ready to rise in support of Klan tactics "as a means of dealing with Jews, Communists, offenders against religion, coloured men associating with white women, and with men guilty of offences against girls of tender age." The devilish cunning of Kratz and his friends is reflected in the introduction of these two latter aims, but the British law does not need the aid of the Klan in dealing with these offenders. We call the attention of the authorities to the efforts of Kratz and company to land here and carry on their lawless conspiracy in the name of law and order.

Keep him out!

At the present time, on his own showing, Kratz is in New York awaiting the completion of his papers for Europe. We ask the authorities to take up his case with a view to ruling him out as an undesirable alien. It is more than ever necessary that the law should be administered impartially, and there will be more than a suspicion of partiality if the Klan is allowed to establish itself here.

It seems that some wealthy admirer of the Klan has placed a large sum of money at its disposal on condition that it devotes attention to working in this country. Britain is not the dumping-ground for freak religions or political organisations working through arson, outrage and mob law in order to "vindicate" the majesty of the law.

A Man who Came Back!

The crafty councillor

MANY people are anxious to know where a gentleman named Reginald Whitbread, late of the Whitbread Sign Writing Co., Notting Hill, W., is to be found.

Amongst them is Mr. Daniel Gallen, an ex-Army lieutenant, who, in response to an advertisement, got in touch with Whitbread, and was told that he was a man of some substance and that he was a member of the Paddington Borough Council.

The latter statement, apparently, was true, but it has given very little comfort to Mr. Gallen, who was induced to part with something like £150 on a promise from Whitbread to give him employment and position.

After the money had been parted with Gallen was sent to Southend to take charge of a branch of Whitbread's business. He found there one room, which contained a few pots of paint and turpentine, and some furniture which apparently did not belong to Whitbread.

A skeleton office

It is not easy to do business in such circumstances, and the situation was made more discouraging by the fact that the gas had been cut off, and the telephone removed, and there was no stationery or office appliances.

None were supplied to enable Mr. Gallen to carry on the business, and, after waiting for some time, he did what any other sensible man would do—shut the door and went home.

He is now looking for his money, or, in the alternative, for Whitbread, who took it from him. But he cannot find Mr. Whitbread, though he is being looked for by a number of other ex-Service men who appear to have a similar grievance against him.

Dupes for plundering

The firm which introduced Gallen to Whitbread declares that it acted in good faith, and did all it could to help the dupes after the damage had been done.

We say without any equivocation to this firm that it would have been very much better if it had made more effective enquiries before handing over any investor to the man who plundered them as Whitbread did.

A warrant has now been issued for Mr. Whitbread's arrest; but that, especially while it is not executed, is a poor consolation to those who have lost their money.

It is very hard for men who fought in the war, and who in times of peace are unable to get work, to have their money taken from them by specious promises which led them to believe that they would obtain secure and permanent and remunerative employment.

We must once again repeat our earnest advice to people who are asked to part with money in return for employment, to make full and adequate enquiries before they do so.

BOOKIE'S PURPLE PAST

MORIARTY OF THE TURF UNMASKED

The new House that Jack built

THE sporting public are familiar with the difficulty of finding winners. It is not nearly so elusive a task as that of finding certain bookmakers, or at least of learning who their bookmakers really are.

For some time past we have made it our business to look into this problem, and we think the results of our investigations will be as startling to the public as they will be disconcerting to the bookmakers concerned.

We will begin with a gentleman named Morris Harris, who recently carried on business at 5, Bird Street, London, W., and who described himself as "England's Premier Football Accountant."

The other day he was fined £50 at Marylebone Police Court, and the officers who carried out the raid found over £300 in cash on the premises with some seven hundred football coupons. The money was returned by the police after the prosecution, but many clients have not got their winnings, or even the return of their stake money, and Mr. Harris has closed down at Bird Street where his advertisements said he "Stays and Pays"!

A man with many sides

We have traced Mr. Harris, in another side of his career, to an address in Kilburn, where there is residing an interesting gentleman named Samuel Adler. If Mr. Morris Harris wished for advice in his bookmaking activities he certainly ought to be able to get it from Mr. S. Adler, whose experience has been, like Sam Weller's acquaintance with London, both extensive and peculiar.

Of all the notorious defaulting bookmakers in London, supreme in his bad eminence is George Clark, of 289, Regent Street, W., whom it has been our duty to pillory on more than one occasion. The registered proprietor of the George Clark business is Mr. S. Adler, who curiously enough gives as his latest address the same number in High Road, Kilburn, where Mr. Morris Harris is often to be found.

Birds on the wing

Another defaulting bookmaker is trading as Robert Bird, who practised at 34, Langham Street, London, W., and whose present address is 13A, Panton Street, W. His telegraphic address is "Sweepstake, Wesdo, London," and his business was, until a short time ago, registered in the name of Sadler—which sounds rather like S. Adler in a hurry.

But that is only the fringe of the intricacies of the bookmaking business as practised in the most up-to-date manner.

When Mr. Morris Harris was fined, there was fined with him a gentleman named W. H. Watts, of Tollington Park, N., who was described as his clerk. We think it would be superfluous to introduce Mr. W. H. Watts to Mr. S. Adler, because we have found that when Mr. Robert Bird recently transferred his business to 3, Leicester Place, Leicester Square, it was registered, no longer in the name of S. Adler in a hurry, but of W. H. Watts, apparently at his leisure! We do not know for which of these two proprietors the elusive Bird laid the largest supply of golden eggs.

Sir Samuel Scott, Senior Steward of the Jockey Club, which should introduce legislation to curb such scoundrels.

Pursuing the tangled thread of our enquiries we find that Mr. W. H. Watts has been working for some time as a clerk at 75, Salusbury Road, London, N.W.6. At the same address a bookmaking business is carried on by the ubiquitous Mr. S. Adler.

Up to this point in our story, therefore, we have Mr. Morris Harris working for Mr. Adler, and Mr. Watts for Mr. Adler, no doubt an agreeable and almost fraternal arrangement, though we have not heard that it has given unalloyed satisfaction to the sporting community.

Mr. S. Adler has other allies. One of them is a gentleman named Arthur Fisher, who also works for him at 75, Salusbury Road. Now this house at Salusbury Road, we find, also shelters a Mr. George Buxton, whose name appears in the telephone book as the subscriber at that address.

Sadler's universal emporium

Some time ago Mr. George Buxton carried on a bookmaker's business at 91, St. Martin's Lane, London, W.C. This was not registered. But if anybody wants to know who Mr. George Buxton is they can find that he is registered as an accountant at 75, Salusbury Road, and that the owner of the business is the Arthur Fisher who, as we have already stated, is also employed at Salusbury Road by that universal provider, Mr. S. Adler!

Before we leave Mr. Buxton we may point out that from his address at 91, St. Martin's Lane, W.C., letters were sent out signed by "F. Peters," who described himself as a "confidential clerk in a well-known Turf commission agent's office," and who offered to sell inside information about starting price jobs. These circulars were sent to many of Mr. Alder's unpaid clients who were quite confused as to how Mr. Peters had found their names and addresses.

We can now explain. Peters' circulars emanated from the address of Mr. Buxton, who was really Mr. Fisher, who works in the house that Jack built, or, rather, in which Mr. Adler is to be found at Salusbury Road.

But before we leave Mr. Fisher in his capacity of Mr. Buxton, we may refer to him in his capacity as C. G. Sackville, Turf Accountant, late of 26, Charing Cross Road, W.C.2. This business was registered in the name of Fisher, and many people have been unable to obtain from it either their winnings or even the return of their stakes!

Possibly Mr. Fisher, trying to remember that he was Mr. Sackville, got confused by the fact that he was also Mr. Peters and, in addition to that, also Mr. Buxton—a Jekyll and Hyde entanglement from which he could scarcely be released even by the dexterities of Mr. S. Adler.

Diamond cuts Diamond

He can, however, consult a gentleman named Mr. E. Hancock, who lives in a very fashionable London hotel and also works at 75, Salusbury Road.

Hancock is a professional tipster, and is apparently much higher in the social scale than the others whose names we have mentioned.

It must be very stimulating to Mr. Adler to lay the odds against the tips given by his friend Mr. Hancock! And we should imagine that when they do bump into each other on the stairs they should not lack for bright and cheery conversation. No doubt they find life a tip-top affair.

In all this welter of confusion one may wonder how Mr. Adler can manage to keep his hand on the pulse of so many businesses worked in such close and intimate conjunction. The explanation is simple.

The letters which are sent to the various addresses of the various concerns which are aliases of this centipede bookmaker are collected every morning in sacks by people like Mr. Watts and Mr. Fisher and taken to 75, Salusbury Road, where a large staff of girls employed by Mr. Adler deals with them.

All the hundreds of thousands of circulars that flood the country, apparently from these various bookmakers at their addresses, come from 75, Salusbury Road, and are usually posted at Wigmore Street, which gives them the much-esteemed status of correspondence with a West End postmark.

A nation-full of victims

The catalogue of Mr. Adler's achievements is certainly a very full one, and no doubt many people all over the country who have been victimised by him through some of the preposterous concerns he has dominated in one alias or another will learn from this exposure how, in the world of bookmaking, things are not always what they seem.

"What's in a name?" the poet asked? We should think that if he addressed this question to Mr. S. Adler his reply would be not without relation to the pounds, shillings and pence that pour into his lap from people who have not the remotest suspicion that he is the many-sided personality he is.

"They only fade away"

Soldier's burial scandal

A GALLANT Scottish soldier, named William Watson, died the other day at Nylstroom, in South Africa. He was a fine old fellow, and was generally known as "Old Soldier Watson," because he had served in the King's Own Scottish Borderers, and, later on, in the South African Scottish Regiment. He had settled down in the Transvaal, and was working on railway construction when he fell ill and died.

The Town Council, made the funeral arrangements.

It placed this gallant old Scottish soldier's remains in a packing-case, which was put on a cart and drawn by native convicts to the local cemetery. There poor "Old Soldier Watson" was shovelled into a hole in the ground without any religious ceremony of any kind.

The Council declined to provide a coffin, and it is said that one councillor made the remark that if they had to pay for coffins for paupers they would have paupers flocking to Nylstroom to die.

Fortunately, some ex-Service men and an ex-Army chaplain, who had served in France, heard of this scandal, and went to the cemetery and held a service over the grave of the old Scottish warrior.

This has removed the disgrace, as far as it could be removed, but no credit rests with the Town Council of Nylstroom, who ought to be throughly ashamed of themselves.

When the war is over, and the wrong is righted,
God is forgotten, and the soldier slighted!

Dusty Dados!

THE Epping District Committee to the Essex County Education Committee is giving children excellent instruction in thrift and industry.

For the cleaning of three schools, one clinic, one woodwork centre, and one combined clinic and laundry, only two persons, a caretaker and his wife, are employed, their rate of remuneration totalling 65s. per week, with a house.

With three boilers to stoke, fourteen fires to tend, thirty-nine rooms, classrooms, halls and corridors to sweep and scrub, some hundred windows to wash, to say nothing of such incidentals as the cleaning of desks and lavatories, it is little wonder that the caretaker has to put in an eighty-hour week, rising at five o'clock in the morning, in order to perform his duties.

The pay is a fair enough living wage, but there are limits to the amount of work of which the most highly paid and eager worker is capable. If, therefore, the managers occasionally find some dust on the dados and elsewhere, it is unreasonable of them to complain.

They ought rather to consider the advisability of employing extra assistance.

A BOBBY AND A BATON

Amazing Story of a Family's Suffering

IT is of the highest importance to the public that respect for and confidence in the maintenance of order should be unassailable.

Accordingly, when a police constable forgets the obligations expected of him, and assaults those whom it is his duty to protect, the matter is much more serious than if it were merely the question of a private squabble. In the public interest, and for the public safety, when such things occur they must be dealt with in the full light of publicity.

Late last Christmas evening, Mrs. Briar, of 236, Seaford Road, South Tottenham, London, N. 15, together with her three sons, had a very alarming and distressing experience.

One of her sons was about to accompany his young lady home when they met a police officer named Roberts who, at the time, was off duty.

Young Mr. Briar states that the constable put on his helmet and overcoat and assaulted them and other members, who, by that time, had come upon the scene.

Another constable, also off duty, a little later arrived and Mrs. Briar and her three sons all proceeded to the local police station, in St. Anne's Road. Here, Constable Roberts is stated to have complained that they were drunk and disorderly.

It was an exceedingly painful position for a respectable family to find itself in on Christmas night. The eldest son asked that the Divisional Surgeon should be summoned. In due course, Dr. J. Lewis Sykes arrived.

He declared that there was no justification whatsoever for stating that there was any drunkenness on the part of Mrs. Briar or any of her family.

Constable Roberts was examined by the same doctor, who declared that he was drunk. Subsequently, Mrs. Briar and her family returned home. In the small hours of the following morning—Boxing Day—a police officer arrived at their house and asked them to go to the station to make statements, which they did.

In the afternoon of Boxing Day, Mrs. Briar and family were asked to make a further statement, this time at Stoke Newington Police Station, after which the Superintendent informed them that the matter would have to go to Scotland Yard.

Four days later this harassed family were asked to appear on an inquiry at Scotland Yard.

Afterwards the family were officially informed that Constable Roberts, who was present, had pleaded guilty to charges brought against him, and that he had been sentenced to a stoppage of eleven days' pay, and had been reduced to a lower grade.

The Briar family, after this disconcerting and painful experience, are now asking if they are entitled to compensation for the humiliating position in which they have been placed, and the gross indignity to which they have been subjected.

There does not seem much hope for them in this respect. They have, no doubt, a right to seek a remedy against Constable Roberts, who was off duty at the time of the incident, and, therefore, a private citizen, in spite of the statement that he put on his helmet and overcoat.

In such a case civil proceedings are not likely to be advised as holding out any reasonable hope of the compensation to which the aggrieved persons may consider themselves entitled.

What disturbs the public is the possibility that in cases where the evidence is not so clear as in this case, grave injustice may be done without even the comfort, as in this instance, of a complete moral vindication.

Sugar and Sharks

SOME company promoters are more versatile than others.

And as the people behind a concern called the Western Counties Incorporated Trust, Ltd., of 161A, Strand, London, W.C., have just about reached the limit.

They deal in all kinds of shares. They say they can make fortunes for money-seekers in many gilt-edged propositions. One day they are booming gas shares, then they pass genially to cold storage, then on to sugar-growing—serenely looking for mugs all the time.

At present they are engaged in a proposition called Demerara Sugar Estates, Ltd. The literature tells glowing stories of easy fortunes to be won, but is strangely silent as to any convincing particulars of dividends that these estates have previously earned.

The methods of the Western Counties Incorporated Trust are not to be approved. They printed the name of Mr. H. J. Grandison, 149, Norbury Crescent, S.W., as one of the directors of this sugary proposition. They had no right or title to do so. The gentleman whose name was used has repudiated all connection with the concern, and there ought to be some regulation in connection with the flotation of companies to prevent this gratuitous use of other people's reputations.

But there are other and stronger reasons for warning investors against it. In the first place they say that the capital of the company is £60,000 in £50,000 eight per cent. participating "Bond Stock," and 20,000 ordinary shares of 1s. each. If we add these two capital issues together they do not come to £60,000. What explanation has the company to offer for this peculiar offer?

Further, the Western Incorporated Trust is merely a pompous and pretentious firm with which the gentleman named Ebenezer Cox, who has long been one of the most active and voracious amongst the shoal of financial sharks who infest the City of London has been associated.

We strongly urge the public until the Western Counties Incorporated Trust gives fuller details of its schemes investors will be well advised to leave severely alone the various propositions it puts forward.

Nailing a Liar to his Lies

THE gentleman who calls himself the Rev. J. R. Penrose, and who collects for the Northern Evangelistic Association of Aberdeen and Dundee, has lately been touring in the Hebrides, and occupying the pulpits in the United Free Church and the Parish Church.

It would be interesting to know whether he satisfied the local clergy as to his right to be described as a "Reverend." Certainly, if he could give satisfactory evidence that he has been ordained, it would help to establish his "Mission" in the public confidence, which it certainly does not now enjoy.

Incidentally, the "Rev." J. R. Penrose wrote a letter to the *Stornoway Gazette*, declaring that there was not a particle of truth in an article criticising this "Mission," which appeared in JOHN BULL. He says that his Association neither allows nor even suggests that a lay-worker should don a clerical collar in order to get into the churches.

This is a specific statement, and our answer is equally specific. On November 25 last, the "Rev." A. J. Matthews, described on the literature of the Northern Evangelistic Association as "Superintendent and General Secretary," wrote to a lay collector, and in suggesting that he should go to the Orkneys to raise funds, he said:

"Treat all this as *strictly confidential*—we will do the same. If you decide to go to the Northern Islands, I think it would be advisable to allow you to wear a clerical collar . . . . it might also help you to get into the churches to preach."

It is true that this suggestion was withdrawn; but the mere fact that it was ever made is a sufficient condemnation of the methods of this "Mission," and in itself a complete answer to the "Rev." Penrose.

But we have in our possession the photograph of a young man named Eddie Murray—formerly a farm-worker—employed as a collector for this "Mission." It shows him wearing a clerical collar!

It would be interesting to know who ordained Murray, and where. Until such questions are answered, this extraordinary Evangelistic Association will continue to get from us exactly the kind of criticism it so obviously deserves.

My Life's Tragedy

NOTHING is so menacing to the health of the nation as the dog-in-the-manger attitude of the medical caucus. This tyrannical oligarchy makes no attempt to discover new cures itself and prohibits others doing so. "Defy us at your peril" they declaim

by

SIR HERBERT BARKER

NOT so many years ago, I had the happy distinction of being the best hated and most venomously attacked man practising the healing art. Doctors denounced me as a quack, an impostor and a public danger.

At the time these things hurt me a good deal. It is not pleasant to be denounced and attacked without cessation, but since that time I have had many consolations; and not the least among these is the somewhat astonishing fact that doctors have not only brought their patients to me, but have themselves knocked at my door in Park Lane and asked me to use my hands on an injury which surgeons had been unable to cure with the knife.

When the first doctor came to me I knew the tide had turned. It was a red-letter day in my life. The enemy himself was walking into my camp. Medical men, more daring than their fellows, dared to go on to record that "there is something in this bloodless surgery." Gradually medical men more daring than their fellows, dared to go on record to the effect that "there is something in this bloodless surgery," "it has possibilities within narrow limits," and so on.

I found, some years ago, that the pioneer medical man who had dared the wrath of his disciplinary body, the General Medical Council, by bringing me his patients, had given heart to others. Those journals which had been so busy trying to encompass my ruin forgot their old files and gave space to the opinions of several fearless orthodox surgeons of eminence who were compelled to admit that bloodless surgery had opened up an entirely new field and had brought to suffering humanity new hope.

How the mighty fall

One day a Northampton doctor, Dr. W. Ross, called on me with his wife. The surgery of the knife could do nothing for her and he wanted me to treat her. This lady had suffered for a long time from a misplaced knee-cartilage. I confess that when I had this lady put under the anæsthetic I smiled grimly to myself—a qualified medical man in a big way of practice confessing to me, the Outlaw, that his brethren were at the end of their resources.

I was so happy as to cure Dr. Ross' wife. And that case seemed to be the turning-point in the campaign of the profession against me.

Doctors began to bring their patients to me. But more remarkable still—in view of the amazing distrust of, and hostility to bone and joint manipulation—they started to come to me themselves!

One of the most interesting doctor patients it has been my good fortune to cure is Dr. Rees-Philipps. Dr. Rees-Philipps had slipped and deranged an internal cartilage of his knee. He came to me after trying all the orthodox remedies. I operated on him and with results he himself described in the medical Press as "too overwhelming to refute."

Pulling teeth to cure bad legs!

Another interesting medical patient was Dr. Montagu Lomax, the fearless critic of our asylum system. Dr. Lomax came to me with a shoulder injury. He had tried massage, electricity and other methods without avail.

Being a particularly liberal-minded man, this doctor who was later to receive many bitter criticisms for his outspoken attacks on our asylums, came to me with an open mind and without any hint of condescension. I am happy to say that as the result of that visit I made yet another friend in the enemy camp, and had the pleasure of being championed in the Press by this trenchant writer.

I remember about eight years ago having a visit from a limping man who sent in his card as Dr. C. M. Wheeler. I asked him to come in to my consulting-room. Again a knee injury.

Dr. Wheeler had been to a very well-known practitioner, a hospital, two orthopædic surgeons, and last, the most famous orthopædic practitioner in England.

It was not without some appreciation of the irony of the position that I manipulated that knee into its normal condition and sent the doctor away amazed, and very grateful.

Which reminds me that I had a funny experience with a hospital nurse. One day a nurse came to me in great distress. She was suffering from a deranged knee cartilage. And the only hope of cure held out to her by the orthodox profession was *the extraction of all her teeth!*

I managed to effect a cure, however, without in any way spoiling the lady's charming smile.

Came to scoff: Remained to praise

But, perhaps the very greatest compliment I ever had paid to me by the orthodox profession was that from Dr. W. H. Clayton-Greene.

Dr. Clayton-Greene, an examiner to the Royal College of Surgeons and a writer of world-wide repute, brought to me a patient he had been unable to cure himself.

With my diagnosis of the trouble Dr. Clayton-Greene differed. I operated—and successfully. Far from being peeved at the triumph of unorthodoxy, Dr. Clayton-Greene admitted the correctness of my diagnosis with a smile and the old proverb: The proof of the pudding is in the eating.

People often try to explain away my methods by saying that it is nothing more or less than a peculiar sense of touch, so delicate and sensitive that I am able to feel the injury beneath the surface. This, however, is not so. Were it the case I would readily say so. I have no magical hands as has been picturesquely suggested more than once. My hands are normal.

Pension off the knife!

The truth is that surgery has reached a point where a vast new field lies open before it, a field little suspected by the medical men of our generation or those before them.

Surgery has been associated with the knife, and surgical remedies have always meant mutilation more or less severe. Perhaps it is but human nature that the surgeon sees in his glittering knives the way to cure, whilst the bloodless surgeon cries: Stay the knife and try the human fingers!

Trade unions may be very good, but they have some disadvantages. The medical profession is the most powerful trade union in the country. To heal one must become a union man. I am not a union man; hence the pother.

And what is true of me is true of every other bone-setter in practice. We carry on, of course, but we are on the outside—non-union labour!

In America, where new ideas fasten on much more quickly, the new learning has taken root and has flourished marvellously. The man who feels that he has the gift of bone manipulation has colleges open to him where he can train and receive at the end of his course a degree which gives him the status of a physician.

But bloodless surgery in England is tied hand and foot by the officials of the Medical Trade Union. There is no remedy. There is no chance of the rise of a third branch of the profession—that of bloodless surgery.

If the profession treats its own members with derision when they announce new and epoch-making discoveries, what chance is there for the man who has nothing but his own work to recommend him?

Sir Herbert Barker.

The position to-day is an extraordinary one. I am not recognised by orthodoxy. I have no place in the "Medical Directory." But I am given to cure cases which have baffled the best brains in surgery. And, as I have shown in this article, doctors reveal their real position by coming to me in preference to consulting their learned confrères.

To-day I am in a position to write and state my case because I have run my career. But now, when the best of my life's work lies behind me, I have one bitterness. It is not that I have been hounded down for years and years; it is not that I have been traduced, scoffed at, maligned. Knowing what I know, I could afford to ignore that. Failure makes for bitterness, not success in the face of well-nigh insuperable obstacles.

Restraint of trade

No, my great regret to-day is that I leave the art which I have practised all my life where I found it—unorganised, unrepresented in the medical schools, and without teachers. I have wanted to teach; but I have not been permitted to. I have offered to pass on to the students of the rising generation the knowledge which I possess and which their orthodox teachers have yet to learn.

I have not been permitted to do these things. So it is well that the public should know that while I am not eligible for a place within the ranks of the medical profession, yet some of the most distinguished members of it have submitted to the craft of my two hands, preferring them to the ritual of the white-coated wielder of the knife.

"Inasmuch as ye did it . . ."

I have stood outside Ormonde Street Children's Hospital and watched the little cripples—the maimed and twisted limbs, club feet and crooked spines. But I have been powerless to do as my will prompted me—for the doors of the hospitals are closed against me!

Yet it is those who prevent me from doing my work in the hospitals who, when all else fails, come quietly to my consulting-room. It is surely the last irony!

The Sentence of the Court

RADIO RAID RUMPUS

Hard Labour for 10s. Pirates

by HARRISON OWEN

CHARGED with conspiring against the rights and liberties of the public, Sir William Mitchell-Thomson, Postmaster-General, pleaded "Not guilty."

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"We have become accustomed to the bureaucracy taking liberties with us and liberty from us," began Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "but even during the reign of the unlamented Queen 'Dora' a more formidable affront was not offered us than that embodied in the new Wireless Telegraphy Bill.

"Apparently Sir William is convinced that from Land's End to Upper Tooting the country is infested with criminals who listen without a licence to what the wild radio waves are saying. To put down this offence against the majesty of monopoly, he proposes giving the police power to search suburban villas for illicit crystal sets, and to make the harbouring of such apparatus an offence punishable with three months' hard labour.

"Despite the alleged prevalence of 'piracy,' I have not noticed the Jolly Roger flying from any houses; yet the accused is willing that the police should invade an Englishman's home much more freely than they are able to enter a bogus night club. If the British public submits to this inquisition it will be time for us to exchange the traditional figure of John Bull for one of a shorn lamb."

MR. STRAWSPLITTER said that proof of the existence of "pirates" lay in the fact that thousands of licences had not been renewed. The proposed powers of search were absolutely necessary and need cause no distress to honest people. On the contrary, they would provide elderly spinsters with the new thrill of looking under the bed in the hope of finding a police inspector lurking there.

"Any thrills with which these radio raids may provide old maids," said Mr. Justice Bull, "will be as nothing to the indignities in which they will involve respectable householders when heavy-footed minions of the law proceed to pull the stuffing out of the family sofa in searching for a 'pirate' hoard.

"The non-renewal of licences is not proof of widespread 'piracy.' One possible explanation is that some citizens have abandoned the listening-in habit through becoming bored with the B.B.C. programmes. This, however, has not been put forward by learned counsel for the prosecution, and so I am forced to ignore it for the moment.

"IF homes are to be searched on the off-chance that some youngster may have a sly crystal set hidden in his bedroom, we may next hear of the Life Guards, in full marching kit, paying house-to-house visits in search of unlicensed dogs.

"If three months' hard labour is considered suitable punishment for a person who neglects to pay a 10s. licence fee, I don't know how many years' penal servitude I should award to one who attempts to filch from Englishmen their historic liberties. However, I do not share the Postmaster-General's drastic views, so I shall merely direct that his new Bill be returned to its framers through the Dead Letter Office."

Saints and Sinners

THINKING IN MILLIONS

A Critic on the Hearth

by HESKETH PEARSON

THERE is something exhilarating in the air of America. All our lecturers over there seem to be affected by it. I am quite certain Mrs. Snowden wouldn't have said what she did about Ramsay MacDonald anywhere else. Having once said it, of course she had to stick to it.

She is by nature very susceptible to influence and atmosphere. An audience has an electric effect upon her. Her language, which in ordinary conversation is hurried and vigorous and varied, becomes on the platform ordered and formal and polished. The tenseness of her surroundings makes her tranquil, and the dozen little things that may have crossed her mind before she gets on her legs are liable to be uttered in the language of an Address to the Throne!

THAT is obviously what happened when she began with every intention of praising the ex-Premier. The little side-thought obtruded itself and was, of course, magnified as she went on.

Her oratorical style is so impressive that it conceals a strange lack of profundity in her thought. In everyday life, too, her extremely "taking" method of address makes as many friends as her acid comments lose.

She has that remarkable gift, possessed in an exceptional degree by Lloyd George, of making you feel that you are the only person in the world in whom she is interested, and that she has been *living* for this delightful minute or two spent in your company.

LIKE her distinguished husband, she thinks in millions, but unfortunately the working-classes have to think in pence.

How far divorced this worthy theorist is from the people she claims to represent is shown by the fact that when a woman witness before the Food Commission asked what was the price of jam, Mrs. Snowden was unable to answer—though she could probably have given the imports of cane sugar in tons!

PERHAPS it is not necessary, when sitting on an enquiry into the price of meat, to know the price of jam—but it must not be forgotten that red currant jelly goes with some joints!

I once remember seeing her among a crowd of Labour chiefs (Ramsay was one of them), and I must honestly admit that she dominated the assembly. Her elocution stood her in good stead—the even, clear-cut tones putting the jabber and ranting of the rest quite into the shade.

Mrs. Philip Snowden.

There is about Mrs. Snowden a touch of Margot, though it may be that neither lady will thank me for the comparison. Both of them are "goers," both intended to get on in the world—and push their husbands on as well.

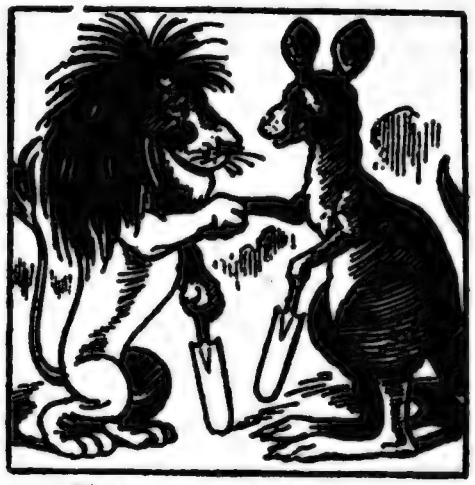
Both, curiously enough, married the same sort of husband—quiet, retiring, modest men, who didn't want to be pushed. Finally, both are vivacious and clever; and when either of them gets going, it is rather difficult for anyone else to get a look-in.

And in neither case is it necessary for the lady to bask in the reflected glory of her husband. Mrs. Snowden, like Margot, is a Personality in her own right.

CARTOONETTES and Topical Jingles

by FRANK HOLLAND

"When this job is done by bobbies,
What a picnic that will be!
With their tireless hunt for 'wireless'
They can't keep an eye on me!"



We lost the Test but for the rest
We needn't send a wail up;
The "Ashes" may remain away,
But still we kept our tail up.

"I will repay!" we hear him say,
But what puts us about—
He gets his hand down, understand,
But never pulls it out!

Profiteering, now we're hearing,
Never has their trade disgraced;
It's on losses these food bosses
Grow so tub-like round the waist.

A VERY MYSTERIOUS TRADE

BY careful manipulation of costs the meat factors are able to show but small profits. The writer proves how they are making fortunes out of the pub.ic

by The Rt. Hon. CHRISTOPHER ADDISON
(Formerly Minis.er of Munitions and First Minister of Health)

THE Great Meat Mystery deepens. Things are becoming "curiouser and curiouser." The Geddes Commission does occasionally get a witness from the trade who admits a small profit, but it is mostly a case of "you can't blame me," and the Commission is engaged in the interesting pursuit of the elusive other fellow."

Under the present system meat doubles, and more than doubles, its price between Smithfield Market and the dinner table. While the consumer is made to pay 10d. and 1s. 4d. a pound for beef which is sold at 4d. in Smithfield Market, there is something fishy somewhere.

Another fact to bear in mind is that the old Ministry of Food bought the Australian meat and retailed it to the people at an average price of 2d. per pound above the price at the London Docks, and made a profit of £3,000,000 on the business.

From 2d. to 7d.

If the State, when all the red-tape and officials had been paid for, could do the job for 2d. and make a profit, why does the public have to pay private "enterprise" 7d. ?

The Commission naturally asked Lord Vestey about it; he ought to know. He is the presiding genius of the Union Cold Storage Company which appears to have a controlling interest in a number of other meat concerns, with 2,356 retail shops.

These United concerns have made profits since the war totalling £1,898,761, so they really are doing quite well.

Statistrickery

The truth is that there are swarms of middlemen, agents, travellers and the rest, whose combined efforts result in making retail prices 100 or 150 per cent. higher than wholesale. But Lord Vestey's concerns dispense with most of these intermediaries because they are their own suppliers.

No wonder Sir Auckland Geddes exclaimed: "This is a most mysterious trade."

Lord Vestey's combine seems to have been let off very lightly by the Commission. People must have wondered less at the questions asked than at the multitude of those that were not asked, for subjects for further enquiry simply stick out.

We should like to know, for instance, seeing that the public is paying 7d. for services which can be adequately paid for at 2d. how these statements of profits were arrived at. It is wonderful what accountants can do with accounts; also what they can get out of them.

What allowances, for instance, were made for transport, establishment charges, insurance, agents, sinking-fund, and many other charges before this modest per-pound profit was found to be the trivial remainder?

Dr. Addison.

During the war we had power to investigate costs, so let me give one simple instance, out of a multitude that could be quoted, of the difference in the estimate of costs (and consequently of profits) between the figures supplied by a firm and those obtained by the expert accountants employed by the Ministry.

We had a dispute over the price of a certain operation on a contract of 30,000 items per week. The contractor's price per hundred was £1 5s. 5d. We challenged this and asked for a statement of costs. This brought the price down to 10s. 11d.

Camouflaged profits

Still not satisfied our accountants went into the costs with the result that our accountant's costs showed 7s. 6d. against the firm's 17s. 1d.

If the Union Cold Storage Company makes allowances for transport, establishment charges, sinking-fund, etc., on the same generous lines as this firm made, there is no wonder that the balance of profit is only in hundredths or thousandths of a penny per pound. It might even be a minus quantity and yet all the transactions put together might show a profit of "not less than £400,000."

I should scarcely think that the most sanguine reader now expects that the Geddes Commission will get at the truth of these things or cut much ice in any way.

Great concerns like these with their expert staffs don't care a row of pins for enquiries. *Power to act* is the only thing that matters. We found this in the war.

Bludgeon methods

The War Office paid 21s. for 18-pounder shell cases, but it was only the powers of the Munitions of War Acts that enabled us to get them at 12s. 6d.

So with meat supplies. The public will continue to pay until a British Government has the pluck to deal with these things by "direct action" as we did with munitions, shipping and food in our time of need.

Anti-trusts Acts and enquiries are futile expedients. Power to act for ourselves and the courage to use it are the only things that will help us.

Human Monsters at Large

While legislation safeguards the children from industrial harm they are not protected from moral damage

by SIR N. GRATTAN DOYLE, M.P.

CHILDREN in industry are protected by Factory Acts, but no corresponding legislation has been enacted to protect the child against a worse danger than long hours and insanitary conditions. No grimly deterrent punishment protects the child against sexual attack.

Adequate punishment for the defilement of children by sexual perverts, against whom the law to-day is powerless to deal, will only be brought about by similar public indignation.

At present people do not concern themselves with the matter. Normally it does not come to their notice, for it is only within recent years that these things might be mentioned in the newspapers.

Unfortunately the facts are not known. It is impossible to get them. The Home Office, which is the Ministry responsible for prosecutions, has no record of those facts which are necessary if the public are to be fully informed of the extent of this evil in its midst.

An inventory of shame

I recently asked the Home Secretary—and I know that no one is more concerned to right abuses than our present Home Secretary—how many cases were there of assault or of sexual offences committed in regard to children and girls below the age of sixteen during the last four years; in how many of these cases were convictions obtained; how many children were concerned in these cases; how many of the children were below the age of five years; and in how many of these cases were there records of previous convictions for similar offences.

Sir N. Grattan Doyle, M.P.

His reply was that no such figures were available. Yet these, I am convinced, are the vital figures.

Not being able to get what I wanted, I have to depend here on such figures as are available. Yet these, incomplete as they are, go a long way towards proving the unsatisfactory state of the present law.

Let me give a few figures, showing first, the extent of the evil, and, secondly, the steady growth of sexual crime. I take the four years 1919 to 1922 inclusive as being the last four years for which I have definite information.

In 1919 crimes known to the police under the official heading of "Carnal knowledge of girls under thirteen" were returned as 68. In 1922 the number was 81. For the same period the number of similar crimes against girls between thirteen and sixteen rose from 150 to 203. Indecent assaults rose from 1,061 to 1,536, of which more than half in each year were against girls under sixteen. Some offences against young girls, which are officially classed as rape, are not included.

These figures in themselves are significant. In every case they show a steady increase year by year.

Now consider the number of convictions secured. They are grossly out of proportion to the number of the crimes.

During 1922 of 81 cases of carnal knowledge of girls under thirteen, 64 persons were proceeded against. Of these 56 were committed for trial; 45 were actually tried, and 38 convicted. Thirty-eight convictions for 81 crimes.

Crimes against children

For the 203 cases in respect of girls between thirteen and sixteen 164 persons were proceeded against. Of these 46 were discharged by the magistrate; 114 committed for trial; 111 actually tried; 47 acquitted; and 61 convicted. Sixty-one convicted for 203 crimes.

For the 1,536 cases of indecent assaults on females—and here my figures do not show the number of cases of child assault separately—1,057 persons were proceeded against. Of these 67 were discharged by the magistrates, 514 were convicted for offences against girls under 16, and 168 others committed for trial. Of these 62 were acquitted and 92 convicted. Six hundred and six convicted for 1,536 crimes.

Infected infants

The record makes pitiful reading. Even allowing for the difficulty of obtaining evidence the proportion of convictions is almost ludicrously small. And even where convictions were obtained the punishment was utterly inadequate. What is a fine in comparison with the seriousness of the offence? What is a short term of imprisonment, even with hard labour, in comparison with a life blasted at its outset, a child polluted, driven crazy it may be, or infected with a foul disease which may affect it to its dying day?

Yet these are the punishments which we judge adequate for the worst type of scoundrel known to modern decadence. The scandal cries to heaven for redress.

Few there are who would welcome a return to the penal code of an earlier age, in which the stocks and the lash were the accepted form of punishment. But here, indeed, is a crime which only the "cat" or its scientific equivalent will drive from our midst.

Candid Communications

Outspoken Messages to Celebrities, Notorieties and, occasionally, Nonentities.

To the Rt. Hon. STANLEY BALDWIN, M.P., 10, Downing Street.

MY DEAR PREMIER,—We now have your assurance that within the lifetime of the present Parliament a considered scheme of franchise reform will be brought before the House. It would be a grave dereliction of duty, should you allow your unexampled opportunity to pass without doing something to remedy the chaotic state of our franchise law. What a gesture of political honesty it would be to use your enormous majority to ensure that never again should such a majority be elected on a minority of the votes cast!

JOHN BULL.

To HERBERT SMITH, Esq., Chairman, South Wales Millers' Association.

SIR,—You stand self-condemned by your admission that your association has refused supplies of flour to Mr. Harding, an Ebbw Vale baker, who sells bread at 10d. a 4-lb. loaf. Your feeble attempt to justify this action on the ground that Mr. Harding is selling at an uneconomical price, in face of his assertion that he is making from 15 to 20 per cent. profit after paying all overhead charges and wages higher than the trade union rate, was an insult to the intelligence of the Food Commission. The President clearly showed his contempt for your so-called "evidence." So do I.

JOHN BULL.

To Sir GERALD STRICKLAND, M.P., House of Commons, S.W.

DEAR SIR,—In the days when the House of Commons was regarded merely as the best club in London, and membership was a privilege of gentlemen of wealth and leisure, there was not much objection to a member dividing his interests between two Parliaments. Now, that the representatives of the people are paid a salary to attend to the interests of their constituents, you should seriously consider whether your position as Member for Lancaster in the House of Commons is compatible with your Leadership of the Opposition in the Maltese Parliament. You are not paid £400 a year for a part-time job.

JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. LORD ROTHERMERE, P.C., Carmelite House, E.C.

MY LORD,—I cannot congratulate you upon your arithmetic test for boys leaving elementary schools. Your test was one which I doubt whether you could have passed yourself at the same age. It would better become you, instead of holding up the unfortunate lads to public ridicule, to test them side by side with boys of the same age educated at expensive public schools. Your experiment merely proves that economy in education, which you so strenuously advocate, is very unwise.

JOHN BULL.

To ARTHUR PONSONBY, M.P., House of Commons.

DEAR SIR,—Your condemnation of the fact that "our children are being taught war worship in schools" should be taken to heart by all who are determined that the last war shall be indeed the last. What is really needed is the rewriting of the history books supplied to children. There is more in the history of the world than a mere catalogue of wars and battles and "conquering kings." Children should be taught to distinguish between the things that matter and the shams and unrealities that are at present miscalled "history."

JOHN BULL.

To Sir ROBERT GOWER, M.P., Chairman, Tunbridge Wells Borough Bench.

DEAR SIR,—A little while back, when a soldier's widow was fined £1 for stealing food for her children you saved her from jail by paying the fine yourself. Last week, when the Chief Constable said that an ex-Service man whom you had bound over would nevertheless have to go to prison on a commitment order for debt, you generously advanced the money so as to afford him an opportunity of making a fresh start. Such magnanimity is a splendid example to magistrates who are given to undue severity, and I am sure it is justified by its reformative effect.

JOHN BULL.

To Colonel WALTER GUINNESS, M.P. Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

DEAR SIR,—Sorry to hear that you have so soon decided against a tax on betting. I should have thought that a Government opposed to the Capital Levy and pledged not to introduce Protection would have welcomed so obvious a means of raising revenue without detriment to any legitimate interest. Don't tell me you have capitulated to the Nonconformist conscience. A Guinness should be made of stouter stuff.

JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. LORD CARSON, P.C., House of Lords.

MY LORD,—When you bring before the House of Lords your Bill to check the evil activities of the money-lender, why restrict your anger to the practice of lending money to officers and servants of the Crown? The evil is far more widespread than that, as you must know full well. Throw your net wide while you are about it. Meanwhile I draw your attention to my own suggestion for State money-lending. What do you think of it?

JOHN BULL.

To Dr. WILLIAM ROBERTSON, Medical Officer of Health, Edinburgh.

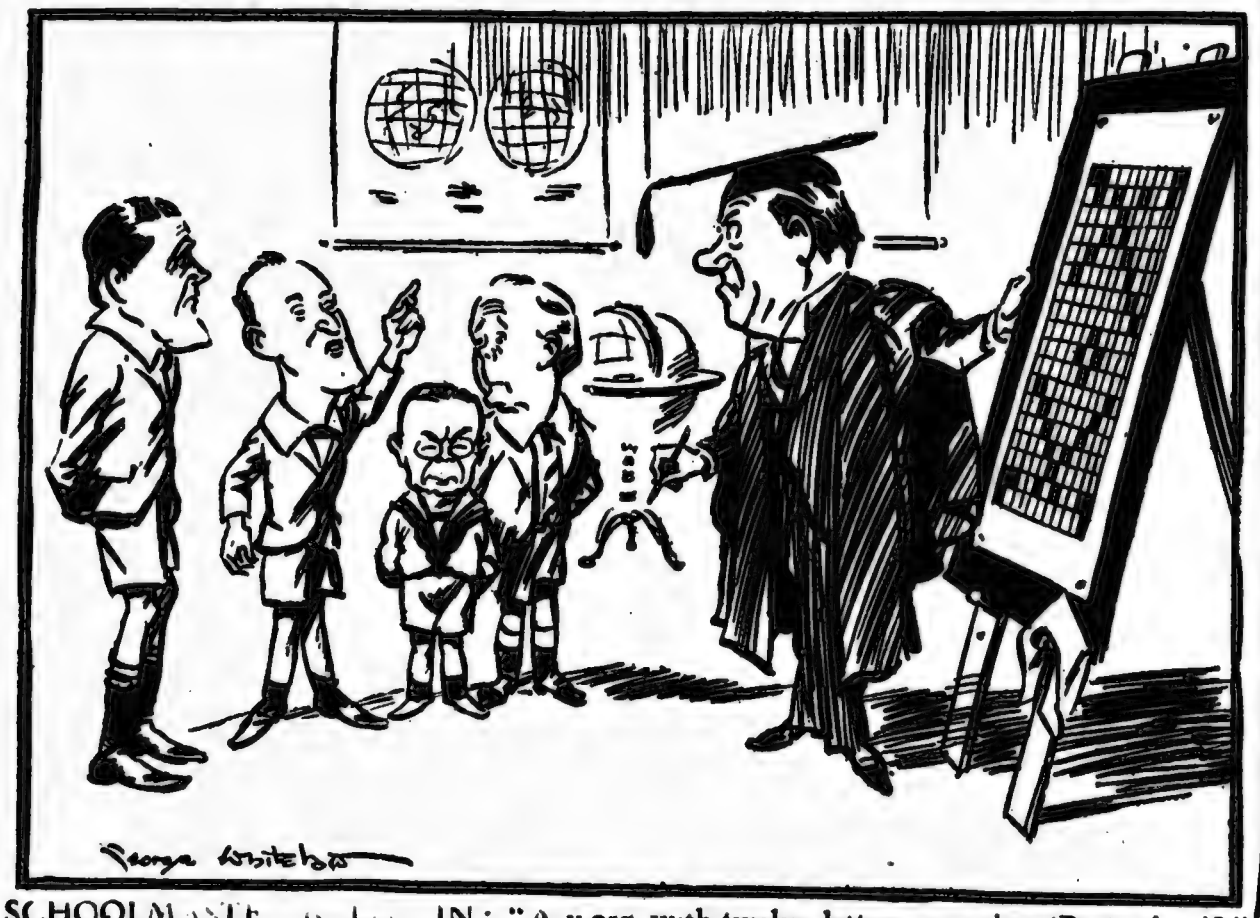
SIR,—What grounds have you for stating that "slum dwellers show that they prefer bad environment and all its attendant evils to new houses fitted with every modern convenience"? Such a view would not be borne out by a plebiscite of the people who are condemned to live in insanitary hovels owing to the shortage of proper housing accommodation. A doctor's hat used to be made a convenient receptacle for carrying a stethoscope; you seem to be using yours as a megaphone through which to bawl nonsense.

JOHN BULL.

To CANON BAKER, Bedfordshire Education Committee.

DEAR SIR,—When your committee proposed to reduce the salary of the caretaker of one of your Council schools from £25 per annum to £22, you supported the idea of handing over a new convert to the Communists. It occurred to you, fresh heating apparatus having been installed, that the lighting of one fire instead of four "must make a difference in the amount of work." Such casuistry could only occur to the mind of a comfortable cleric! As you have now decided to advertise for a new caretaker at the reduced figure, I can only hope you don't get one.

JOHN BULL.



SCHOOLMASTER: "A word with twelve letters meaning 'Protection'?"
BRIGHT BOY: "Safeguarding."

Straight from the Shoulder

ARCHDEACON OF MACCLESFIELD:—"God knows we have enough to divide us."

But only because the Church has forgotten her one great reason for existing.

H. B. PRICE:—"The Poor Law could be improved if the name were changed."

An opinion admitting the workhouse has something to hide.

THE BISHOP OF ELY:—"It would be idle to deny that Bishops are not popular idols of the people."

Because the people have discovered their idols have feet of clay.

LORD EUSTACE PERCY:—"Education is lost when it gets into a political atmosphere."

It is up to you to provide an education imperious to the rot.

SIR JAMES FOWLER:—"Politics are an expression of temperament."

And occasionally of temper.

SIR AUCKLAND GEDDES: We have been looking for months for unfair profits.

There are none so blind as those who won't see.

THE MAD MARTYR

Land Leeches

WE have frequently championed the interests of the "middle classes." Called, not without reason, "the backbone of the country," these estimable folk are slowly but surely being squeezed out of existence.

Many of them are in absolute want. Carrying on from day to day with a brave show of courage they are in many cases suffering from want of the sheer necessities of life.

More than any other class they feel the crushing weight of taxation, and still more cruel than the whips of the tax-collector are the scorpions of the land-profiteer.

The scandal of "ground rents" is one of the worst features of our economic system. Many of the sufferers are elderly people who in pre-war days invested their hard-earned savings in small house property.

If these houses are leasehold they must go on year after year paying this forced tribute to the ground landlord, who can afford to smile as he recalls the far-off days when the Liberal Party preached that "God gave the land to the people."

The leasehold system is nothing short of daylight robbery. No matter what money is spent on the purchase of leasehold houses, and on their repairs and improvements, there is no security for the investor.

Sooner or later the land and everything upon it will revert to the "owner," who, neither toiling nor spinning, waits for the ripened fruit to drop into his lap.

The present land laws cannot be defended on any grounds of justice or equity. It is the middle-classes perhaps more than any who feel the pinch.

At present the sufferers turn a deaf ear to the Socialist extremists. How long they continue so to do may depend on the Government's readiness to lift an intolerable burden from their backs.

The Only Solution

IF Lord Carson's Bill should become law, the claws of the money-lender will be clipped; they will not be drawn. The money-lender himself is the real evil.

The private money-lender is a social pest. He grows fat on other people's poverty. He produces nothing. He is simply a parasite.

The loaning of money in itself is no crime; but why should it not be done openly through the Post Office? Why should not the Government lend money to its needy citizens under proper safeguards for the borrower and at a reasonable rate of interest?

The State might very well take over this function in the same way as in France and Belgium it has taken over the business of pawnbroking, and so rid money-lending of its shame and cruelty while enabling honest folk to borrow on honest terms.

We shall never make an end of the evils of money-lending till we make an end of the money-lender as we know him to-day.

Profit-making by Lunacy

ALL the notorious evils of our asylum system must be probed to the core by the now-sitting Commission. Some of the worst will be found in the private institutions where it pays the proprietor to detain sane inmates

FOR several years past complaints have been rife as to the alleged ill-treatment of patients in lunatic asylums. Until recently the authorities affected to ignore the scandal; but a few months ago a Royal Commission was appointed to investigate the administration of the Lunacy Laws—a step long advocated by JOHN BULL.

Hugh P. MacMillan, K.C., President of the Royal Commission on Lunacy

It is safe to say that the facts already brought to light have more than justified the action of the late Government in ordering a thorough investigation. There are grave wrongs to be righted.

Latterly, attention has been specially focused upon those private institutions euphemistically described as "mental homes"; and many distinguished experts have expressed grave doubts whether private individuals, with or without medical qualifications, ought to be permitted to trade for profit in the treatment of the insane.

For one thing the very "privacy" of these establishments is a source of danger. Public asylums are open to varied inspection; but there is a tendency on the part of the Board of Control officials not to trouble themselves unduly about what may be happening in institutions receiving fee-paying patients.

Yet the evidence proves that it is in connection with these expensive "homes" that some of the worst scandals have occurred.

OBVIOUSLY, it is highly dangerous to give the proprietor of a private asylum a financial interest in the continued detention of his patients. To say this, is to impute no special wickedness to those who conduct these licensed retreats; but it is contrary to human nature to expect that principle will always triumph over pocket when the two are sharply opposed, as they must always be when wealthy mental patients are lodged for profit in private homes.

It is to be hoped that the Royal Commission will invite further evidence upon this aspect of the problem. Sensational accounts of the ill-treatment of patients in public asylums by dosing them with violent drugs and pummelling them with fists as often as they prove refractory have obtained wide publicity in the Press. It is no less important to ascertain the truth regarding the alleged detention in private homes of patients who have recovered their sanity.

Another duty belonging to the Royal Commission is to invite evidence from the leading mental specialists of the day as to the most up-to-date methods of treating mental disease.

THE New Psychology, now generally accepted as the last word in the scientific study of the human mind, has given rise to many new forms of mental treatment which ought to be placed at the disposal of those detained in public asylums.

In the evidence so far taken by the Commission there has been far too much talk of "discipline," and too little zeal displayed for the genuine, scientific cure of mental disorders. The "punishment" of lunatics by solitary confinement and other harsh personal indignities belongs rather to an age of barbarism than to the level of enlightened humanity at which we have now arrived.

The Brick Mystery

WHILE the Food Commission is endeavouring to solve the bread and beef problem someone else might usefully tackle the Great Brick Mystery.

Governments come and go, and to the accompaniment of a never-ending stream of Parliamentary talk, Housing Bills become Housing Acts. Still the fact remains that houses are not built, or at the best are built with heart-breaking slowness. What's the reason?

The Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers blames the brick-manufacturers. Bricks, they declare, are not being produced in sufficient quantities to meet the demand, and, until they are, no speedier progress can be made. Is this the true explanation?

The brick-makers deny it. The *British Claymaker*, the organ of this much-abused trade, roundly asserts that "British brick-makers are producing bricks enough to meet all demands."

Having thus flatly contradicted each other, the builder and the brick-maker unite in blaming high transport charges for the hold-up of the industry. And so the petty quarrel goes on.

No doubt there is a measure of truth in the point about transport charges. Many brickyards are closed because excessive railway freights make it unprofitable to transport bricks from one locality to another.

But we do not forget that last August an importer of foreign bricks said, "The syndicate of English brick-makers do not permit the demand to be met," and added, "It is just now profitable to keep production down." Is this game still being played?

To the man in the street the only point of interest is that he wants a house and cannot get one; and he demands to know who is preventing him. It is up to Mr. Neville Chamberlain to find the true culprit.

Brutal "Sport"

IN the sacred name of British "sport" a fox was chased for fifteen miles by the Cowdray hounds the other day. It finally sought refuge by jumping through the window of a house and up the chimney-flue.

Efforts to smoke it out failed, so workmen were obtained, who removed some bricks and thus exposed the poor brute to its captors' "mercy." As the newspaper report laconically informs us, "the fox was then given to the hounds."

We cannot see very much difference between this sort of thing and the case of a man haled before the magistrates for cruelty to animals, except that the latter miscreant is usually punished for his crime.

Fox-hunting as practised in Great Britain is a barbarous survival. The sooner we have done with such organised cruelty the better. "Man's inhumanity to man" has its roots in man's inhumanity to animals.

The type of mind that finds "sport" in brutality to dumb creatures is not likely to see much amiss with sweated labour and the stifled life of the slums.

James Maxton, who as "M.P. for Misery" represents a Clyde constituency.

An Infamous Document

WHILE little children are being damned into the world in dilapidated hovels one branch of the building combine publishes its confession of commercial immorality. No wonder the badly housed are seeing "red"

by A. G. GARDINER

IN a recent article I showed how the Trust octopus is spreading its tentacles over the whole field of existence, strangling the consumer, defeating the recovery of trade, and eating into the life of the nation like a cancer.

Let us first glance at the field in which this conspiracy against the consumer works. What is the most crying need of the people of this country? It is houses to live in.

It is this famine which is at the root of our social unrest, our physical deterioration, our moral squalor, our revolutionary movements. If the Clyde is flowing red, it is not because of any double dose of original sin in the people that live upon its banks. It is because the hideous conditions in which they are doomed to live drive them to rebel against a social system which denies them the barest decencies of a home.

Eight in one bed!

I referred in a recent article to Mr. William Bolitho's very graphic book, "The Cancer of Empire," and promised to return to it at length. I do so now because until we understand the hell that it reveals we rage in vain against the Maxtons and Kirkwoods who come out of that hell with their fiery crusades. Here is a passage from a night tour of the "backlands" of Glasgow in which the people are huddled by the thousand and the hundred thousand in unspeakable rabbit warrens:

"In the next apartment I saw the secret that my curiosity had tormented me with ever since I saw the grisly statistics of the Office of Health. How do eight people arrange themselves when they sleep in one bed? They were covered with sacks: the protuberance of their bodies formed a miniature Alps under the coverings. Father, mother, two babies at one end, the rest with feet to their parents' knees stacked at the other end. One outlying spur betokened that some minor member of this suffering family was lying across the mixed feet of the rest."

Death and corruption

These conditions do not apply to a mere submerged fraction. They apply to the overwhelming mass of the working people of Glasgow. Two-thirds of the entire population "live in houses inferior to the minimum standard of the Board of Health." Over 40,000 families—that is 200,000 people—live and sleep in one-roomed homes—no privacy for birth or death, no separation of sexes.

The consequences are appalling. Infantile mortality is terrific—210 per 1,000 in one-room tenements; 163 per 1,000 in two-room tenements; 102 per 1,000 in four rooms.

Worse than death is the moral corruption. Incest, says Chief Constable Alexander Smith, is common, inevitable. He cites cases, one of three grown-up daughters and a father; all possible combinations of age and relationship.

"All the children in these tenements," says Chief Constable Smith, "learn details about life as soon as they can think."

Can we wonder that in such an underworld of foulness and misery very fierce and revengeful fires are being lit? The people would not be human if they did not rebel. And although Glasgow is perhaps the most terrible case of all, it does not stand alone. "No room to live," is the legend writ large over every great city, over the village as much as over the town, over London as much as anywhere perhaps, except Glasgow.

And while every thoughtful mind is exercised at this enormous menace to the national life and while Government after Government struggle to find a remedy for the disease, what do we see? Trade unions deliberately restricting the production that can alone relieve this horrible congestion, and groups of manufacturers plotting, not to make building cheap, but to make it dear.

Holding the nation to ransom

That brings me back to the National Light Castings octopus, which has now increased its prices by an average of 11 per cent. Let us take a look at this particular octopus. It was born in 1911 and has secured such a complete monopoly of the trade that it controls more than 90 per cent. of the output of light castings, water pipes, stove pipes, fireplaces, mantelpieces, grates, boilers, baths, etc.

It is a candid octopus. It makes no pretences. The consumer is its prey, and its aim is to squeeze him to the last drop of his blood. Here from its own rules are the aims of the octopus:

"The object this Association has in view is that of *raising and keeping up the price* to the buyer of the goods and articles made and supplied by its members. This shall be done by means of pooling arrangements, *so controlling production that prices will rise naturally and inevitably*, as they always must do when supply is brought into equilibrium with, or is ever so little below, demand" (my italics).

There you have the brigand policy stated crudely, not to say impudently, as I have ever seen it presented. No nonsense about private competition or public interest. The octopus ropes in all the trade on the principle that if you wipe out all competition you can plunder the consumer at your leisure.

Commercial brigandry

Output is not to be encouraged. It is discouraged. Keep the supply short and you can make the public pay famine prices. That is the policy, and if any member of the gang dares to increase output he is punished as an enemy.

Having scotched all competition at home the aim of the octopus is to kill all competition from abroad, and all their energies will be directed to getting the first cut at the Protection offered by the Safeguarding of Industries. When they have got that they will have got the consumer's head "in chancery" and will be able to levy any toll they please.

That is the situation. On the one side you have this brigand monopoly, free from competition or control within and "safeguarded" from without, running up the price of materials as they choose, restricting output on the one hand and increasing their profits on the other.

On the other side you have those 10,000 families in one British city alone pigging in one-room tenements because the building octopuses will not let them have room to live. Need we wonder that the Clyde is red?

A simple sum for the Councillors!

HOW CAN GIR

CAN a girl keep herself in London on 18s. a week? The Lewisham Council has decided that it can be done, that it ought to be done, and that, under its beneficent government, it shall be done. In pursuance of this decision it has fixed 18s. as the emolument to be paid to the new assistant at its library.

But having by the mysterious cogitative process of their profound minds arrived at a conclusion which the common mind is unhappily not qualified to reach, the Lewisham Councillors should be respectfully entreated to bestow upon their less enlightened fellow-citizens, from the rich stores of their exceptional sapience, some guidance as to the mode and method of life by which a young woman of healthy appetite and normal needs should maintain herself in respectable independence on an income of 18s. a week.

Bread-and-butter economics

It is "a question of beefsteaks and porter"—or, perhaps, it were more accurate in this case to describe it as a question of bread and margarine moistened with tea.

But though the girl ate neither meat nor eggs nor vegetables nor fruit, "the fuel to that young woman's engine" would surely cost quite 2s. a week in bread, 1s. in margarine, 1s. in tea, 2s. in milk, 2s. in light and fire, 10s. in rent. This makes my suppositious budget already bankrupt, though I have allowed nothing for clothes (she would have to dress neatly to keep her post), nothing for laundry, fares, insurance; nothing for such luxuries as stationery, stamps, newspapers, books, entertainments, or holidays.

To the untutored mind it would appear that even the Chancellor of the Exchequer might be hard pressed to establish financial solvency on the income provided.

Without the Higher Light of the Lewisham Luminaries, it would seem as if the existence of a girl on the wages they offer must be a living death of pinching poverty, semi-starvation, and dreary drudgery, unrelieved by any gleam of colour, hope or joy. Clearly then the Lewisham Oracles owe it to the community to explain.

There are thousands of poor, anæmic girls and women in this rich city who would be glad to learn how the miracle can be performed. Some of these women have dependants—perhaps, alas, little babies, or perhaps bigger boys and girls who are always wanting clothes and boots and are everlastingly hungry. If the domestic economists of Lewisham would reveal their secret, they might save these poor women many a pang of distress.

For of course they must know a way. They would not be so heartless and unprincipled as to propose to pay a young woman a wage of 18s. a week without being assured that she can live and live honestly and well on it. It would be an outrageous insult to the elected representatives of a large and wealthy metropolitan borough—residents possibly in the comfortable dignity—

London in Disgrace

IS London worthy to be the Capital of a great Empire? What is her effect on the rest of England? These questions are discussed with a bluntness which will not offend those who want London to lead the world

by "A GENTLEMAN WITH A DUSTER"

The Bishop of London to whom our contributor appeals.

TOWARDS the end of the last century London became interested in the personality of a youngish man who had been consecrated a bishop, and was fighting the devil with great courage, fierce eagerness, and a racy humour, in the black and sordid places of East London.

The first quarter of a new century is drawing to a close and that young and popular Bishop of Stepney, working just as hard, but less romantically for religion, is now reigning at Fulham Palace as the one-hundred-and-tenth Bishop of London.

But somehow or another, the Right Reverend and Right Honourable Arthur Foley Winnington-Ingram is no longer the fighting figure of eight-and-twenty years ago. He is still immensely and rightly popular, but I feel that he is less terrible as a fighter.

Whatever the cause may be, during his reign as its bishop, London has moved definitely and challengingly towards a paganism which was quite unknown in Victorian times.

Fighting for right

Baseness and vileness certainly existed in those days, but they were hidden and dreaded. They were regarded as enemies. They were fought. The whole business of moral life lay in a fierce struggle with these animal instincts.

Men were soldiers of the moral life, marching breast forward in the faith that though right were worsted wrong could never triumph, holding that we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better. The great matter was to keep fighting, and never traitorously to surrender to the forces of a lower life.

In these days, another spirit is at work. The baseness of human nature is not hidden, but flaunted; the inner vileness is not dreaded and desperately fought, but shamelessly exhibited and wantonly indulged. By many people, particularly in London, the idea of life as a moral struggle is regarded as grandiose and ridiculous.

The centre of Victorian morals, an immense personal responsibility for every thought and act of the soul, is dismissed as a piece of pretentious egoism. Seriousness and grandeur are both unfashionable. The mighty universe dwindles more and more out of human sight. The earth itself rapidly assumes the character of a cabaret.

Sewerage from France

Evidence of this spirit is to be found not only in the stupid and selfish amusements of rich people, or in the monotonous tragedies of the divorce court, but in crowded theatres, where some of the modern revues earn the loud, delighted and unashamed laughter of, apparently, educated people by songs and jokes which are plainly and defiantly indecent.

Some of the fashionable illustrated papers which are published in London frankly cater for the coarsest kind of sensualist and nobody else.

These things, to anyone who takes life seriously, are bad enough in themselves, but what makes them far more threatening in their power to corrupt good taste and degrade man's soul is the fact that they encounter no opposition. The dirty mind now has the field entirely to itself, and daily grows more insolent.

Even when so cultivated and unassuming a person as Lord Cromer feels himself compelled to act, as Lord Chamberlain, in the name of the most elementary idea of decency, he receives little support either from the Press or from the Church.

I venture to suggest that our religious leaders are in some measure responsible for this dangerous, degrading and ignominious condition of things. Under their eyes, London is growing every year less worthy to be regarded as the capital of a great empire and is becoming every year a more fatal corruption to the provincial cities stupid enough to copy her bad and vulgar example.

Can those who are so deeply responsible for the spiritual life of London do nothing to make her moral example less contemptible in the eyes of our Indian and Egyptian visitors and more inspiring in the eyes of the Canadian, the Australian and the South African?

I do not wish to see them organising dull meetings of a goody-goody character to protest against the general paganism of London. That would be useless, and would only make the dirty mind more insolent in its excesses.

Bearding the lions

But there is a way in which the Bishop of London, for instance, could bring the great influence of the Church to bear upon this matter. He could make it a personal business.

The publishers of the noxious publications should be forced to answer a public charge of publishing abominable and disgusting matter. Theatre managers should be requested in the name of public purity to take out of their revues every song and joke which make light of adultery and intemperance.

By every means it should be brought home to these people, who are plainly the worst and lowest kind of parasite in the community, at least something of the shame of their position.

Then, too, the editors of serious newspapers might bring into existence a much more rigorous spirit on the part of their too indulgent critics. The Church should appeal to these editors for the sternest condemnation of all theatres and all publications which degrade human life, thus helping to create a more wholesome and far more active public opinion.

Worth of a soul

These things, done with vigour and earnestness, would accomplish much to check an evil which cannot continue in its present degree without working infinite mischief to the next generation.

They would help to revive in the nation a sense of the dignity of human life, in London a sense of her responsibility as a great imperial centre, and in the Church a sense of her duty as a guardian of man's moral life.

The great thing to be done, and to be done quickly, is to create a public opinion in London vigorously hostile to every influence which tends to belittle the moral struggle of man's soul, passionately on the side of those who believe in the deep and eternal responsibility of every individual for his words and deeds.

LIVE ON IT?

by ALEX. M. THOMPSON ("Dangle")

mansions of Sydenham or Blackheath; fathers themselves, no doubt, of young women—to suppose that they would consciously apply the shameless and ruthless methods of the sweater to the exploitation of any young woman in the Council's service.

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We have heard of employers who take deliberate advantage of the fact that many girls go out to work, while supported wholly or partly by well-to-do parents. Such girls are ready to take wages which are palpably insufficient to maintain them, and are quite satisfied if they are paid enough to buy their chocolates, their cigarettes, their ribbons, their scraps of cheap finery, and their occasional admission to the "pictures."

Such girls are the bane and curse of the less fortunate girls and women who have to keep themselves. They take away the work which poor women and girls need for their daily bread. By offering their services so cheaply, they either drive out the competitors who desperately need the job, or tend to reduce the general standard of wages.

Decent employers, realising the incalculable harm done by this form of "blacklegging," refuse to profit by it, and, despite the exigencies of business competition, insist on paying a fair "living wage" to every person who works for them.

Surely the representatives of public authority, who ought to set an example to all employers, are at least as just and honest as the commonplace merchants and shopkeepers who would rather put up their shutters than prey on the need of helpless girls!

Like the Cities of the Plain there were, in the Council, a few righteous men. Councillor J. Lovegrove said that the salary was absolutely inadequate, and Councillor Weeks declared that it was a "beggarly salary."

The secret of life

This only makes the case worse, as does also the fact that there were 16 applicants for the post, "which showed," said the Chairman of the Libraries Committee, "that there were plenty of people who did not object to the salary." Miss Marie Roberts, the successful applicant, herself says that she is content with the salary. But this does not absolve the Council as an organisation from indulging in sweated labour.

There are other employers who consciously and deliberately traffic on the knowledge that a girl, if not too ill-favoured, has opportunities to eke out an insufficient livelihood by the sale of her body. Though their business is ostensibly respectable, some of these smug rapacious scoundrels live and thrive in truth on profits wrung out of women's shame. But, obviously, the upholders of Lewisham's public virtue cannot belong to the class of pseudo-pious hypocrites who, by paying low wages, drive women to prostitution.

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THE LURE OF "EASY STREET"

Girls whom Men Forget

by **ALISON NEILANS**

Secretary Association for Social and Moral Hygiene.

WHAT makes a girl take to prostitution? Most people will probably answer "Low wages," but this by no means covers even a majority of the cases.

Poverty is the root cause of a good deal of prostitution among women, but it is the poverty of a dull drab life and cheap ugly clothes rather than a shortage of absolute necessities.

While it is true that nearly all prostitutes come from the poorer classes, the ordinary working-girl stands like a rock against the temptations of the pavement. Living under similar conditions of inadequate wages, wretched housing, dullness or unemployment, a hundred girls will keep "straight" where one will take the line of least resistance and go for "easy money" and the "gay life."

Economic pressure, therefore, does not inevitably drive a girl into prostitution; it is rather a predisposing cause. The weak, vain and parasitic type of girl who is born and brought up in comfortable surroundings, protected by her class and social position, rarely drifts to the streets.

THE same type living the unprotected life of the children of the poor, brought up in squalor, poverty and overcrowding, is likely to succumb. The prostitute type is found in all classes of society, but it is the poorer ones who tend to get shipwrecked.

"Bad homes" or "homelessness" constitute the greatest single cause of girls drifting into prostitution. Where one or both parents are drunken, cruel or otherwise of bad or worthless character, the children are likely to wander in the streets at all hours, to run away or to become demoralised.

No standards of decent conduct are set before them, and they come to adolesence used to coarse and sottish behaviour. Many of the girls who afterwards become hardened prostitutes were, in the first instance, the victims of their own fathers or other male relatives, and sex to them has never meant anything more than animal lust.

Miss Alison Neilans

An investigation of 669 cases of women who had become prostitutes showed that 185 had either had no home or a demoralising home. In another list of 356 girls, mostly under eighteen years, 234 had a bad home or none.

These causes are mainly due to the faults of the parents and the sins of all of us in tolerating bad housing conditions which lead to drunkenness, incest and the loss of all modesty.

What causes apart from these directly act on the girl herself and lead her to prostitution?

The outstanding cause is the lure of "easy money." To a girl who is weak, vain and lazy, or to one already demoralised by home conditions and ambitious to make money, the temptation is overwhelming. Such girls "exchange an intangible chastity, which commands little respect, for tangible clothes which do command respect."

MOST girls who enter upon a life of prostitution do so between the ages of sixteen and twenty, and, therefore, before they are likely to earn good wages.

Then there is the type of girl who is "not quite right." She is not feeble-minded nor is she certifiably defective. She may seem quite bright, but she is uncontrolled, provocative, vain, often good-hearted, and apparently without any capacity to weigh the consequences. She is mentally unstable, but not sufficiently abnormal to be put into an institution. This type is a real problem to deal with, as it would be a serious matter to shut people up just because they were immoral unless there was undoubted mental defect.

Once in the life the way of escape is hard. Such girls are everywhere regarded as "fair game." They are no longer women to be protected, but "prostitutes" to be made use of and forgotten. No code of chivalry exists for them.

What are some of the remedies? A happy home and good parents are obviously the greatest safeguards to the adolescent girl. Young things need love and happiness and gaiety, and if they cannot have the real things they will tend to seek the nearest possible substitutes.

THE parents who encourage their children to bring their friends home, and who give these friends a welcome, in spite of the noise they make, are saving their boys and girls more effectively than any social welfare society can ever do.

We need too a strong public opinion which will impress upon young men that it is a wicked and cruel thing to offer money for that which should only be given as a free gift of love. It may seem a small thing to give a woman who is already on the streets money for the hire of herself, but it is just because a woman can always get money by selling her body, even when nobody wants her honest work, that thousands of women are drawn into this life.

It is true that such women deliberately tempt men. Having once entered the prostitution market to supply a demand they have in turn to stimulate that demand whenever it shows signs of flagging. Prostitution is a vicious circle, but the most effective way to break it would be if men would cease to pay for it.

Trial by Grand Jury

by **The RIGHT HON. SIR JAMES O'CONNOR**

Formerly Lord Chief Justice of Ireland.

GRAND juries are a relic of primitive ideas and methods. The knights or men of position in the shire were supposed to have the criminals before the King's judge for trial. To-day the Grand Jury, consisting of twenty persons of position selected by the Sheriff, have to "present" to the judge a "bill of indictment" before any person can be charged with an offence before the petty jury.

The Rt. Hon. Sir James O'Connor.

Ought this ancient institution to be abolished? Is it necessary? Does it serve any useful purpose? Let us follow the various steps necessary, in the ordinary case, to bring an accused person to trial.

He first appears before the magistrates, who, if not lawyers themselves, are advised by their clerk, a man of legal training and experience. The evidence is fully gone into. The magistrates have to say whether a reasonable case is made out against the accused. If it is, they return him for trial: if not, he is discharged.

In the interval between the investigation before the magistrates and the trial, the Crown lawyers have the case before them, and it is their duty to see that the case is a fair one to go before a jury. If they are satisfied as to this, the bill of indictment is sent up to the Grand Jury.

If the Grand Jury, having heard the witnesses for the prosecution, are satisfied, upon such examination, that a reasonable case is made out they return a "true bill," and the accused has then to stand his trial before the petty jury.

Now, it will be noted that there are no fewer than three checks upon frivolous or unwarranted prosecutions:—the investigation before the magistrates, the discretion of the Crown lawyers, and the investigation before the Grand Jury.

Are all these necessary? I think not. The last seems to me to be wholly superfluous. It might be abolished without loss or injury to anybody.

The case I have given is the ordinary case. There are certain rare cases which, if Grand Juries are ever abolished, must be dealt with.

AT the law stands, a prosecutor, if the magistrates refuse to return for trial the person whom he accuses, is nevertheless entitled—on adopting certain procedure before the magistrates—to present a bill to the Grand Jury.

But in such a case the rights of the prosecutor and of the accused could be safeguarded by a provision that no case shall go to a petty jury unless by the judge's order.

This would secure the prosecution in the event of the magistrates wrongly refusing to send the case for trial, and would protect the accused in the event of the magistrates rightly refusing to send the case for trial.

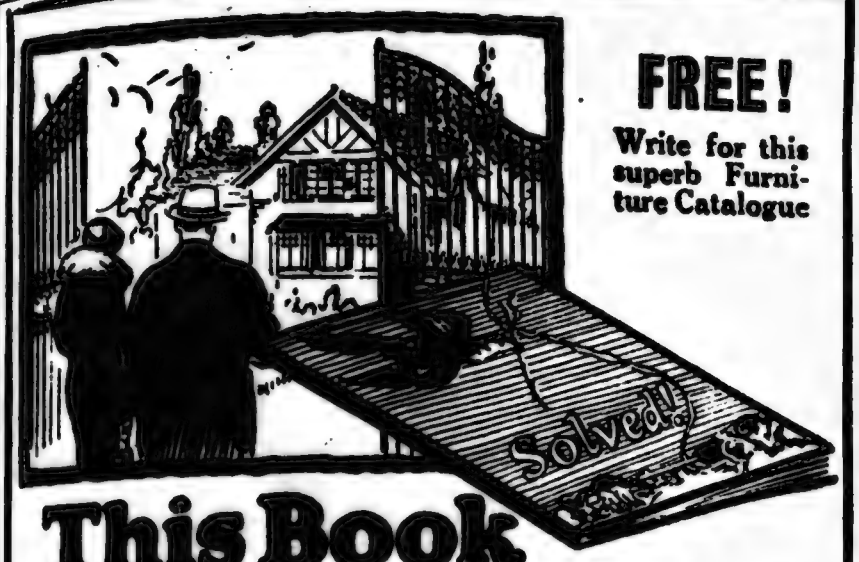
Indeed, a provision might be inserted that in no case shall the case go to the petty jury without the sanction of the judge.

THE objection usually made to the abolition of Grand Juries—that the system provides a necessary safeguard for the accused—disappears in the light of what I have written. The real objection, which is of an entirely different character, is twofold.

First, the Grand Jury is a venerable institution: people do not like to blot out old landmarks even when they have ceased to serve any useful purpose.

Second, the system associates lay people of position directly with the administration of justice.

But these considerations are entirely outweighed by the waste of much valuable time which the present system involves. Grand Juries were abolished during the war, without impairing the dignity of the Courts or hurting or inconveniencing anybody.



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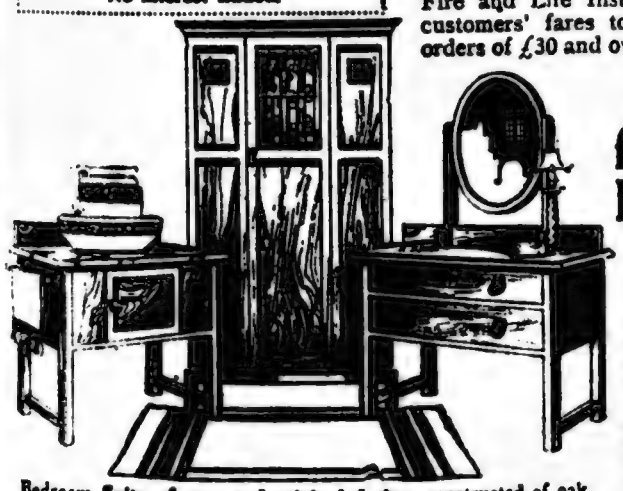

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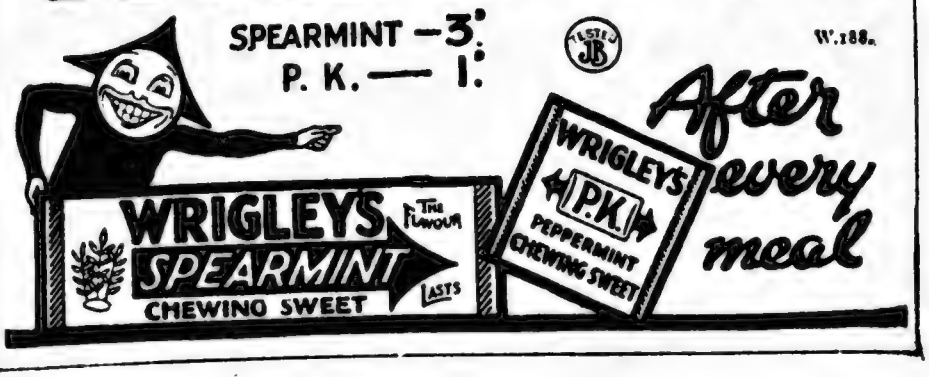

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CRIMES OF PASSION

Should passion-caused murder be treated as a capital crime?

by STANLEY SCOTT
(Author of "The Human Side of Crook and Convict Life")

IN the courts of law humanity is dealt with, and humanity cannot be stereotyped. What may be an act of brutality—the result of cold-blooded calculation and plotting—in one man or woman, in another, by the very nature of his or her temperament, may be the result of a circumstance with which he was utterly unable to cope.

Mr. Clarke Hall.

You have one of the few examples of acquittal in such circumstances in the recent exoneration of Chapman, of the Empire Club. Such a thing as happened to him might happen to any one of us were we "baited beyond endurance."

A man refused to obey the orders which Chapman, as an official of the club, was perfectly entitled to give in the common interests. The man was belligerent and half drunk. Chapman gave him a push; by an accident he lost his foothold, stumbled, fell, and broke his head open. Chapman was accused of manslaughter.

I have often thought what an easy thing such a happening as this would be in the most ordinary brawl. Chapman lost his temper where another man might quite readily, with tact and self-control, have pushed the man into a chair and kept him there without harm to himself.

"You are Free!"

A similar case is that of Mary Louise Wicks, who was charged with killing Arthur Crow, and was triumphantly acquitted at Old Street Police Court this month. In exactly the same way that Chapman's man died her man died, and, in exonerating her, Mr. Clarke Hall, the magistrate, said: "I am glad to be able to discharge you."

It is a curious thing that, by the standardisation of law as regards the capital charge, a murder such as that perpetrated by the young Polish actress in Paris a few weeks ago would have been relegated, in our own courts, to the level of atrocities perpetrated by Crippen, Smith and True.

Because her lover was dying, in excruciating pain, of cancer, Mademoiselle Stanislowa Umiska shot him, at his request, through the head. She was acquitted by the French Court, having benefited by the "saving clause of mercy," though she pleaded guilty of actual killing.

Justice and Humanity

In the majority of cases similar to this the average British judge would have taken a lenient view had he been directed only by his human inclination. He also would have given an acquittal *had his hands not been tied by the limitations of his own powers.*

She could not bear that the last hours of the man she had loved so well, and who could not have lived for more than a couple of days at most, should be spent in such terrible suffering as that which he was undergoing, and which was becoming more agonisingly acute. His life was the only thing she wanted, that life being denied her and his pain becoming beyond her bearing, she shot him in sheer pluck.

However terrible her action from the point of view of those who standardise murder, it was quiet, abysmal courage that actuated her to do the most difficult thing she had ever had to do in her short life. Her defence was simple: "I could not give him life. I could only give him rest." With that unembroidered statement delivered before a crowded court, she put the case of justification.

I suppose a great number of killings are the result either of temper or of bad luck, and it is my firm conviction that their perpetrators should have their temperaments—their potentialities for passionate crime, if you like—taken into consideration as far as is consistent with the protection of the public.

The determination of the degree of responsibility is among the most difficult problems that a judge is up against. Be a certain act committed under the stress of an uncontrollable emotion which momentarily renders a human being unaccountable, and which never has before, and is unlikely again, to take possession of him, I feel that that person should not be punished any more than a lunatic for that which he does without knowledge of his own acts.

A man may assume a completely altered personality when he is infuriated. While recognising the rights of the man against whom that anger is directed, it appears illogical to punish with the extreme penalty a man who was possessed of a spirit outside himself, only to resume his own when the tempest had abated.

When Murder is Not

Under our law all murders come under the same jurisdiction except that when, in view of circumstances, the capital punishment is commuted to a sentence of penal servitude for life—a sentence of living death, which, for some reason, appears preferable to that of execution.

There are as many unbalanced passionate souls who, in the throes of jealousy, of anger, or of despair are likely to commit uncontrollably passionate crime. If a man did not know that he was committing a crime, and should he prove himself subsequently to be a normal citizen and no danger to his fellow citizens, should he not have the benefit of the "saving clause"? If a man be unaccountable for his actions, he should not be subject to punishment.

The Five Fingers of Fate

by The RIGHT HON. T. J. MACNAMARA

IF only people would give up painting fancy Utopias and attack the realities of the social problem, the lot of the workers would be much more rapidly improved.

As I pointed out in a recent number of JOHN BULL—in an article which has brought me a number of communications from poor people, of a most grateful and encouraging character—the grim shadow that haunts the working-class existence is *anxiety:* anxiety as to the future and its threatening ills—Death; sickness; unemployment; accident; old age.

Against none of these common accidents of human life can the worker alone make provision. Solve this problem and we shall have gone a long way to cure industrial unrest. Ten men united in love—as Thomas Carlyle has told us—can be and do what ten thousand singly would fail in.

THE remedy for insecurity is to be found in banding together through the medium of insurance. And it is in this direction that the thoughts of intelligent social reformers are.

Take the Unemployment Insurance Act, the foundations of which were laid down in 1911. That great measure has been a perfect godsend during the long period of depression through which we have been passing. By its splendid three-fold contributory plan it has furnished no less than two hundred millions of money in benefit since the slump developed.

The State interventions of the last thirty years—the direct result themselves of an awakening public conscience—designed to secure the worker against the ill chances of life, have all been more or less experimental, and disconnected. Around each of them has grown up a considerable structure of administrative expenditure. People's thoughts for a long time now have been turned in the direction of consolidation and improvement.

"Dr. Mac."

Do not let anybody suppose that the task will be easy. Neither do I think it can be done by putting the two existing insurance schemes—Health and Unemployment—Workman's Compensation, Old Age Pensions, and Poor Law Relief, all into the melting pot and bringing out a brand-new consolidated "All-In" scheme which will cover the lot.

Frankly, I wish it could; because then manifestly there would be no undue duplication of administrative charges; and employers, insured persons, and the State would not be encumbered with all sorts of separate insurance books, cards, records, and so on.

Probably the next step will be to take one of the two existing Insurance Acts (for preference, I think the Health Insurance Act) and build on that—additional benefits for additional payments; as, for instance, improved Old Age Pensions, Old Age Pensions receivable at a lower age, and Pensions for widows and allowances for their dependant orphans.

While existing rights in non-contributory benefit must be reserved the foundation of such additional benefit as could here be provided must stand on the three-fold contributory basis. To suggest, as the Socialists do, that all these things should be non-contributory and that the State should bear the full burden, is to ignore the plain facts of our financial position.

The workers will gladly do their share if it is made worth their while. Look how finely they have stood up to the heavy contributions of the Unemployment Insurance Act.

And, in connection with that, let me say that after the first winter of the present depression I increased contributions in order to find something additional for the wives and children of the insured persons.

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Words Winged to Women

LIARS WHO ARE BELIEVED

by MABEL HORNER

NEXT month some important elections will take place, at all of which women will once more have the power to record their vote. These are the County Council elections, the election of Boards of Guardians, and also at the end of the month the Urban and Rural District Council elections.

Before me, as I write, is a letter recently received from a Justice of the Peace, a woman who has done yeoman service on public bodies in her own locality, whose word is to be implicitly believed. She writes expressing the opinion that never before was the general level of intelligence amongst those who seek election to public administrative bodies so low, and in proof of her statement she quotes concrete cases.

IN the nature of things it is not possible for these to be divulged, but it may be mentioned that cases are not unknown where persons actually elected to responsible public posts are scarcely able to sign their own name to documents where their signature is required.

Worse than this is the information, which comes from many sources, complaining of the lack of high character and probity in many of the would-be candidates. There are people whose only object in seeking to represent their neighbours on public bodies is to be able to use the title in order that it may ensure them prominence or material gain. On the word of a well-known member of Parliament, with whom I spoke the other day, "it is only too true that at every election we have many such seeking advancement, persons who devote their energies to deceiving the electors, who promise all sorts of material advantages, involving large expense, that will in the end come out of the poorest pockets."

And, again, "there are politicians who declare and believe that women voters are a peculiarly easy prey to the liar."

SURELY this statement is not true. At any rate it is up to women in these coming elections to make sure that it is not. Women must be alive to the tremendous power for good or ill upon our daily life these persons have, men and women, whom we send to be our representatives upon public bodies.

Practically all the welfare of the children, the aged folk, and poor is in their hands. They have the administration of the funds so painfully and painstakingly collected from the pockets of rich and poor. They see to, or neglect, the working of the laws that are passed at Westminster for the guidance of the nation.

If they are the right sort of people, those whose only wish is to serve and sympathise with and help their neighbours, then we, who are their electors, and in some sense their employers, should render every assistance in our power.

By understanding and willingness to work we must encourage the right men and women to come forward as candidates. We must discourage all backbiting and personal spite. We must discourage all and everyone who may be suspected of self-seeking whatever their material station in life.

It is character and proved ability that is needed. It is the spirit of self-sacrifice and willingness to serve. On no other foundation can a stable State be built. And though it is not easy to persuade exactly the right types of men and women to come forward, it will be possible when the electors themselves show their readiness to sympathise and help.

Miss Marian Berry, Secretary of the Women's Local Government Society.

Personal ambition must have no place. It is the man and woman filled with love for others who are needed. The proceedings at the periodical meetings of such bodies as County Councils and Boards of Guardians often read as though they are entirely cut and dried and stereotyped.

IF it is to be done, women are the ones to do it. Women have it in their power within the next few weeks to prove the falsity of the accusation that they are the easy prey of liars. They have it in their power to raise the whole tone of our local administrative bodies throughout the land. "See to it that ye do it."

What Youth Needs!

by LORD WILLIAM GASCOYNE CECIL *(Bishop of Exeter)*

IT is not enough to teach the boys and girls to read and write; more than this is needed; it is obvious that the modern State cannot exist unless it is peopled by men of high character.

Unless we can educate the people to realise that our obligation to our neighbour is as important as our own personal welfare, we shall never be able to maintain the present system of government.

It is not enough to teach children to "fight the battle of life." Machiavelli taught us how to fight that battle; Bismarck and other great Germans were apt pupils; they were always talking about the struggle for life, and that vile and pernicious doctrine has landed Europe in a slough of misery.

We must do more than teach children how to fight life's battle; we must fill their youthful minds with high ideals. A child's mind is, indeed, a precious thing; the teacher can write on it that which will endure for life, either for good or evil.

IF the child is brought up merely to look at life as a struggle, and in school he merely learns to fit himself for the struggle, he will become a greedy, grasping citizen, a type too common at the present day, and will be always ready to sacrifice the common good for his personal advantage.

If he has been taught by a man who is dishonest in his teaching, he will not only be keen on his own personal interest in this struggle of life, but he will overlay his keenness, varnish it and paint it with a detestable hypocrisy.

A man must believe what he teaches if he is to form high character. What England needs at the present time is real, honest and sincere belief. Her greatness was built upon the creed of the Christian, and her greatness may depart when this creed ceases to be sincerely believed.

Where there is no faith there will be no ideals, or, rather, the ideals will be absolutely material and it will be each man for himself. Without ideals a country must disappear.

I will not be thought for a moment to undervalue the work that is done by thousands of teachers in the council schools. They are doing their best and we are deeply grateful for the syllabus they have put forth, but we need definite teaching. Formation of character requires a firm foundation, and that foundation must be maintained by teaching subsequent to school life.

WHAT we ask of ourselves we are ready to give others. Not only should Church children be brought up with this definite teaching, but every child should be brought up in the faith of his fathers.

If a man is a Churchman, let him be a thorough Churchman; if a man is a Roman Catholic, let him be true to his faith; if he is a Jew, let him be a well-instructed Jew. Let us not have a people whose moral life is founded on uncertainty.

Naturally we would much prefer some system similar to that which exists on board the training ships, by which each child shall receive a religious education in the faith of his fathers at the expense of the State. It is hard for us to believe that what exists and is worked on the *Impregnable* should be impossible a few hundred yards away in the schools of Plymouth.

I have no doubt myself that, in the ultimate future, the essential justice of bringing a child up in the religion of his father will carry the day. Every observer of history must have come to the conclusion that the essential justice of a demand carries such weight as commonly to compel even the strongest opposition to yield in the end to its requirements.

How to Keep Well

Watch your Feet!

by A Wimpole Street Physician

NAPOLEON said that an army marches on its stomach, meaning that a good food supply is all-important. But he was wrong. An army marches on its feet. A soldier can march with an empty stomach but not with sore feet. Boots come before bread.

The most important reform in the British Army was when square-toed boots were substituted for pointed ones. Boots and shoes should be selected for comfort, not for appearance.

The feet are square across the toes, not pointed. People buy their clothes to fit the body. But they make their feet fit into their shoes.

Men—and women—who take much care of their faces and their hands often pay no attention to their feet. When you are picking a husband—or a wife—always look at the feet.

The feet repay care. They are hard-worked, and they deserve careful attention. Cut the toe-nails often, square across, and push back the "quick." Change the socks often, every day, if possible.

If the feet are tender, bathe them every evening in a solution of bicarbonate of soda in warm water; about a couple of table-spoonfuls in an ordinary basin will do. Or use salt and water.

Dry the feet carefully, and use a dusting powder afterwards.

Soldiers soap their feet on route marches. If you dance a lot and get sore feet, soap them and they won't blister.

Corns are caused by the pressure of tight boots. To cure them, soak the foot in soapy water, cut the corn, and apply a sticking plaster over and well around. This acts by distributing the pressure. Or use a simple "corn plaster."

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CLUES.

Across.

1. Salt water.
4. Juice of plants.
6. Made from coal.
8. Wilful destruction by fire.
9. To plant seeds.
11. Time gone by.
13. Piece of paper-money.
15. Kind of handbill of a religious nature.
18. Not ever.
21. Plural of "is."
22. Grease.
24. Used by fishermen.
26. To cut into small pieces.
28. To turn anyone aside.
30. An actor's part.
32. Before.
33. To have a leader.
34. Assistance.
36. At this moment.
37. Used in lamps.
38. Not high.
39. Busy little insect.
41. Name for father.
43. Fixed.
44. Wild animal's home.
46. Profit.
48. To give way.
50. Swift-moving animal.
51. To cut with a scythe.
53. Twenty-four hours.
54. To rest on a chair.
55. Between six and eight.
57. A mean dwelling.
59. Biblical garden.
61. A small portion dealt out.
62. A friend.
63. Kind of silk.
64. An enemy watcher.
65. Pigs' home.
66. Seat in a church.

Down.

2. Where the sun rises.
3. Good paintings.
4. Male child.
5. Means "unsigned" (abbreviation).
6. To obtain.
7. Not required.
9. To cut.
10. Time of strife.
12. A card.
14. Twice five.
16. Not common.
17. Domestic animal.
19. Well-known public school.
20. A monkey.
22. Supplied with food.
23. A beverage.
25. Moisture.
27. Space for a public contest.
28. To put off.
29. Made angry.
31. One who loves.
33. A cover.
35. Tiny mark.
39. Number of years old.
40. Hour of the day.
42. To have done anything.
43. Cunning.
44. Seen on the calendar.
45. Freshly made.
47. New and unusual.
49. Organ of hearing.
50. Where bees live.
52. Married.
54. Name for the sun.
55. Soaked food.
56. Birds' home.
57. Used for sharpening instruments.
58. To place down.
60. Means "No."
61. A little swim.

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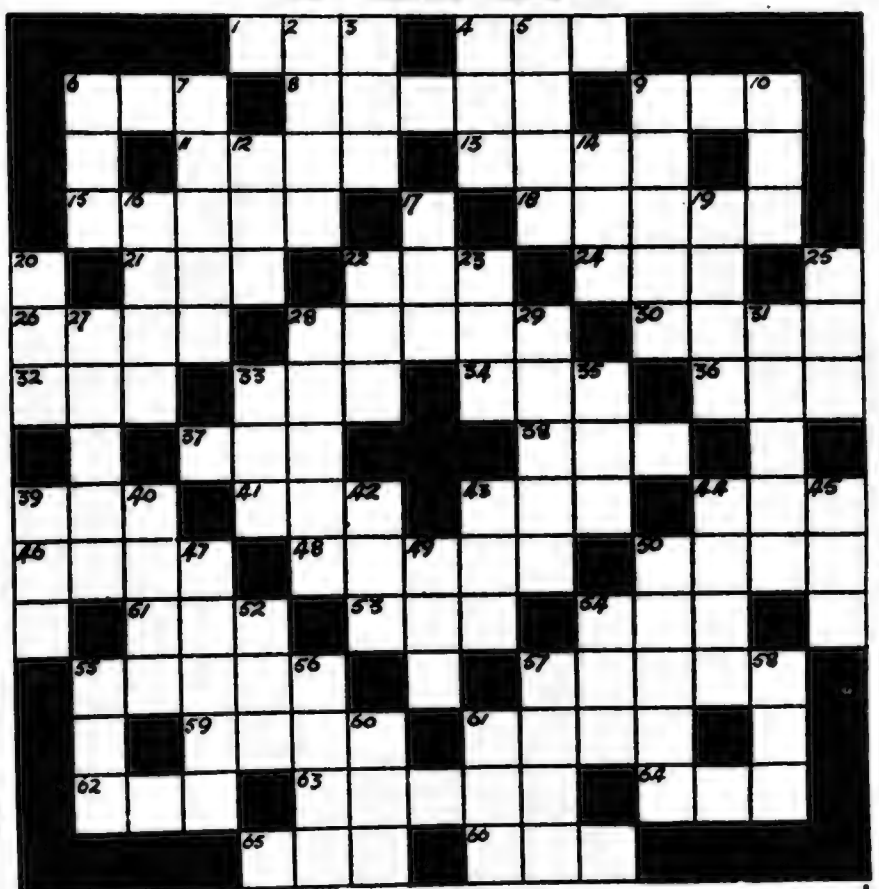

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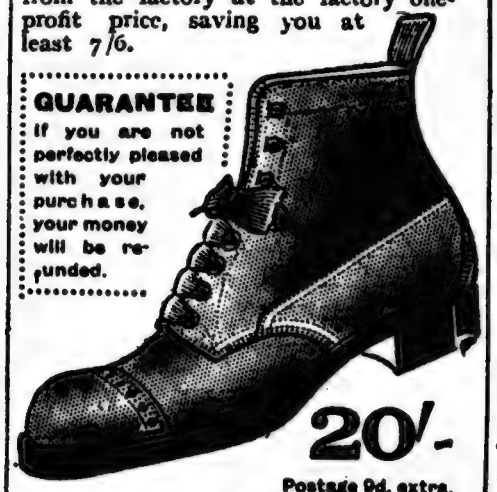

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"WHEN I was seventeen I ran away and married a man much older than myself. We have been married seven years—years of real misery for me, for before long I found out that I had married a drunkard.

"Three years ago I had a little baby and I hoped that this would prove a turning point. For a time things went better. Then, another drinking bout—and the loss of my husband's work again!

"He has never been able to keep his employment for long, and now we are almost at our last penny. My little girl fell ill and, for lack of proper nourishment, died.

"To pay the bills I took up shorthand and typewriting and have now found employment in an office.

"MY husband stays at home, does not trouble to look for work, while my wages barely keep us. He ordered an eight-guinea suit the other day with no prospects of being able to pay for it.

"When I remonstrated, he laughed and told me not to worry——!

"Not to worry, when half the price of that suit might have kept my darling baby alive!

"The man in whose office I work has always been very kind to me. Not long ago he learnt of my unhappiness and he has now confessed that he loves me.

"He argues that every human being has a right to happiness, and he wants me to go away with him and, if my husband will divorce me, we can marry.

"Well, Humanist, I love him—so much that I do not feel that I can take advantage of his love. If we go away together, I know what the world will say. He holds a high and responsible position—a breath of scandal would wreck his future.

"YOU see, it's not the question of whether to leave my husband that worries me. I feel that I have paid in full any 'debt' that I might have owed him.

"He has killed my love—if I ever had any. I begin to think it was infatuation.

"What worries me is whether I have a right to snatch the happiness that the gods have at last offered me—even at the price of my lover's sacrifice.

"It's a great temptation, Humanist. Must I refuse?"

"Humanist" says:—*Obviously the solution of your difficulty is for you to divorce your husband. You certainly cannot be expected to keep him in idleness. You cannot, however, divorce him till he gives you justification. Meanwhile you must refuse the temptation you speak of, and wait patiently for your release. In the long run, you will be all the happier for doing the right thing in the right way.*

"I AM in need of some sound advice and I am led to hope I may get it from you without any preaching or platitudes, which sicken me. Suffice it that I know I am guilty and have been leading a bad life.

Sorry for Himself

"I am twenty-five years of age and served as an N.C.O. in the Army, being twice wounded. Whilst in hospital and afterwards I had many affairs with women, including nurses, and one nurse I married.

"We have lived together very little and now we are separated by agreement. There are no children, and I pay £1 per week to her.

"Whilst living apart I renewed acquaintance with a hospital sister who had a home and shop of her own, and who did not know I was married until she was going to have a child by me. Then she was so mad she brought me up for a debt of £200 and got judgment against me, and then for her child and got 10s. a week against me. After all this I was fool enough to let myself be caught again, and I had to pay to another child.

"I had a decent job at £3 per week and was also running an agency, but eventually I was made bankrupt.

"I am now left with £2 per week to pay out of my wage of £3, for I have not another penny in the world. I do not want to sponge on my parents—my father has a good position, but through various misfortunes he has not been able to save much for his old age until just recently. I am living with my parents and you will see it is well-nigh impossible for me to carry on.

I shall never be reconciled to my wife, and she will not divorce me. What would you do, Humanist?"

"Humanist" says:—*You are paying for your follies. I do not preach at you, but I see no reason why you should escape the responsibilities you have chosen to take. Nor do I offer you any sympathy. You must lie on the bed you have made.*

"I AM employed by a multiple firm in the capacity of branch manager. My staff consists solely of one assistant—a girl twenty-two years of age.

A Girl's Passion

"For some considerable period now, this assistant has been making very pointed advances to me, and the intensity of these advances has become so acute that I have been forced to discharge her.

"I would long ago have resorted to this course had the girl and her family been in fairly comfortable circumstances, but being the only wage-earner in a family of four, which includes an ailing widowed mother, I have, from a compassionate point of view, long delayed taking this drastic measure.

"This delay, however, the girl has misconstrued as weakness, and she now threatens to broadcast a story through the town which consists entirely of damaging falsehoods.

"I fail to see now how I can protect myself if the threat is carried out, since her virulent tongue can hardly fail to do damage, and even if I sue for slander I fear that without witnesses on either side, the defendant—with a plea of justification—would receive the benefit of the doubt.

"I trust, therefore, Humanist, with your wide knowledge of life, you can offer a solution to this intricate problem."

"Humanist" says:—*Erotic and semi-hysterical young women like this usually tire of such a situation. Tell the girl plainly that if she tells lies about you, you will put the matter in the hands of the police. Be kind, but be firm. You have nothing to blame yourself for. Don't act as though you had.*

"MY father is a man of considerable wealth and social standing. Some years ago, when very young, I fell madly in love with and—to my father's anger and disgust—eventually married, the gardener's daughter.

The Bitter Father

My father refused to recognise his daughter-in-law, forbade us the house, and cut off my allowance.

We have had a terrible struggle during the past five years, but despite everything have been very happy.

Now, through poverty and overwork my health has given way completely, and the doctor has forbidden me to attempt any sort of work for at least twelve months.

My father, learning of the state of affairs, has written asking me to go back and live with him until I am restored to health. He is also willing to take my little son, but in no circumstances whatever will he see my wife, whom he unjustly considers responsible for our marriage."

"Humanist" says: *Obviously in your wife's interest, as well as your own, you must consider your health. Go to your father, and in a few weeks, I should think, you will be able to persuade him to be reasonable. He can't really feel happy in his mind over this matter. Give him a chance to do the right thing.*

A Drug Victim

"My daughter, who is twenty-three, has been taught the cocaine habit by an actress friend who now wishes to take her to Paris. Can I prevent her going?"

Go straight to Scotland Yard, tell the facts, and they will deal with the matter in the first place by refusing the passport, and in the second by enquiring into the source whence the drug comes.

A Young Man's Peril

"A clever young accountant, who has so far kept himself out of trouble, is taking the books of a gang of international swindlers in the woollen trade. The youth ignores my repeated advice."

Tell him plainly that for his own safety he must break with these people, who seem to be heading straight for jail. Send me any particulars you can about this matter, and I will try to put them there. Why should one show any consideration for thieves?

A Blind Man's Doubts

"I am blind, and get my living by selling matches. I am led about by a boy who, I believe, is defrauding me. I like him, and do not want another guide like him, and do not want another guide, but I cannot learn the truth about his honesty as I cannot see for myself."

If the boy is robbing you he is a thoroughly bad lot, and you should make a change, but in his interest and your own. But you must make certain first. Get your friends to help you—there are so many people always willing to help those who have had the misfortune to lose their sight.

The Child's Future

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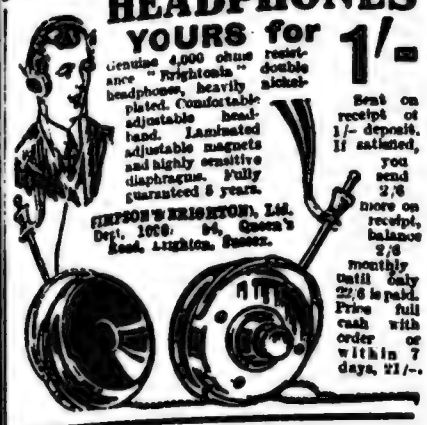

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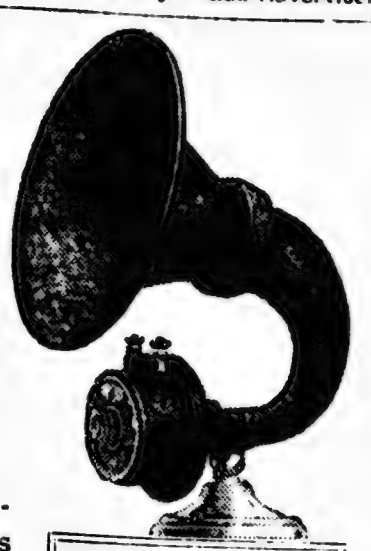

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Sex-Classes

It is hypocritical folly to send our daughters into the world blind to the consequences of indiscretions. Ignorance is *not* innocence, and through ignorance lives have been blighted and hopes shattered. I suggest that sex instruction should be introduced into our school curriculum at the earliest possible moment.—*Mrs. H. Hill, Oxford.*

Loss of Respect

I quite agree with sex instruction, but it should not be taught by either parents or teachers with whom children come into daily contact. When this delicate question is broached, one loses a certain amount of respect in the eyes of one's children and pupils respectively. One lecture per week over a given period, at a place right apart from daily associations would meet the case.—"*Father of Three,*" *Northampton.*

Talks that Save

If mothers would talk plainly to their daughters there would be fewer cases of girls disappearing and being assaulted. They should advise their little girls never to speak to strange men in the street. If magistrates would give a good flogging to these fiends there would be fewer cases of child assault. If they could realise a mother's feelings they would not let them off so easily.—*A Mother, Leven.*

Careless Mothers

As a mother, I consider the mother to be the most suitable person to explain the delicate subject of sex to her children. Some mothers are either too ignorant, or, which is much worse, too careless to explain such matters to their children, consequently they are left to gain their knowledge in a most unsatisfactory and unsavoury manner by hearing this question discussed on the streets or in the playgrounds.—*Mrs. M., Rothes.*

A Sharp Lesson.

When amongst boys of my own age sex matters was a very common subject, and as time went on I found it was taking a dangerous hold of me. Enlightenment came my way at twenty years of age I took up a post in a mental institution, where three-quarters of the cases were the result of unclean living, and the cases were awful to look upon. It left a great impression on my mind, which has never left me, and turned me permanently into safer and wiser channels.—"*Frank,*" *Colne.*

On the Instalment Plan

Sex instruction would be more readily understood if given in instalments and spread over a period of time, and not given all at once. One might begin with the egg, and explain the chick's origin, and follow on with the domestic pets. Where convenient, children should be encouraged to keep and breed pets such as rabbits and guinea-pigs. When these commence to increase and multiply the children know the doctor and his bag is *not* responsible—"*Stamps,*" *Bristol.*

Where Ignorance is Hell

A year ago a girl school chum of mine, brought up in that sheltered ignorance that should be our shame rather than our pride, was introduced to a good-looking, but good-for-nothing, rascal. In her ignorance she allowed herself to be betrayed by this man, and to-day she is the mother of a blind boy—the offspring of a diseased father. And even girls marrying *good* men should know all about sex.—*A. B., Stockport.*

Don't Tell Too Much

Much has been said and written as to whether children should be "told." In one sense the answer is "Yes," in another a decided "No." Let us teach our young charges, when they are passing into the adult stage, to be cautious and prudent and to look after their wordly interests before committing themselves in any way.—*W. G. J., N.W. 3.*

A Boy's Plaint

Does it really matter who tells us so long as some one tells us about sex. Can't you realise the pain, both physically and mentally, that is borne by us youths, who, ignorant of life's pitfalls in this respect, fall through being ignorant of the whole facts? And when the mischief is done we are told that we ought to have known better.—"*A Boy,*" *Oldham.*

Spreading "Red" Fever

A hovel in which to live, taxes too heavy to bear, and wages small in comparison with price of foodstuffs, is the lot of the workman in Britain to-day. Yet our Government proposes to spend millions on a naval base, warships, submarines; in fact, on any but the vital things. The "Scarlet fever" of Communism is bound to spread, for such measures aid it. Give men the means to live decently, homes in which to rest, and they will make loyal citizens.—*Anti-Communist, Durham.*

"Coming Coal War"

My attention has been drawn to the statement in the article by Mr. Shinwell on the "Coming Coal War" in your last issue that "the usual figure for the domestic article (coal) is 15s." This statement seems to me so extraordinary, coming from the late Secretary for Mines, that I cannot help feeling that it is a misprint.—*E. S. Huelin, Coal Distributors' Information Department.*

[The figure 15s. was a printer's error for 25s., and for this Mr. Shinwell was not responsible. We regret that it occurred.—Ed.

The Legacy of Faith

Dr. Orchard gets down to the heart of the matter when he suggests that unless we believe in immortality we have no right to bring children into the world. But, unfortunately, one cannot inspire a child with one's own faith—sooner or later it will have to accept or reject for itself. By all means, let the parents pass on their faith in the after life—but the acceptance of it rests with the individual.—*N. H., Herne Hill.*

"Play the Game"

Surely the ideals laid down by Mr. Angus Watson are the very basis of mutual good will between employer and employee. "The whole secret of business prosperity," says Mr. Watson, "is to be found in 'playing the game.'" It is time every employer of labour, and every employee realised this; give and take should be the rule. In the long run trade unionism does not help to bring about this desired end but, let us hope, a more intelligent outlook will be soon achieved by all of us.—*T. U., Burslem.*

Profitable Spending

Is A. G. Gardiner right when he says that our Navy dominates the world? The recent building programmes of America and France make this statement open to question. In any case, the money spent on shipbuilding provides employment for many, and contributes to our import trade, and it is questionable whether money thus spent would be diverted to more beneficial objects were our naval estimates reduced.—*D. R., Finchley.*

The Staff of Life

Your article on Wholemeal Bread is true in every phrase. Six years ago I had a serious illness which left me very weak and neurasthenic. For a considerable time I could not walk without a companion and every winter (except the present) had a bout of influenza. Last spring I decided to substitute wholemeal bread for white, with the result that I am now stronger than I have been for years and so far this winter have escaped influenza.—"*Aitch,*" *Bridport.*

Divine Discontent

I find it difficult to understand why "A Gentleman with a Duster" should condemn James Maxton and his confreres for stirring up discontent. One may object to the particular kind of discontent fostered (though personally, knowing something of the kind of environment these men have lived in, I have deep sympathy for them), but it is another and dangerous thing to hint that discontent is in itself an evil. Was not Jesus Christ "a stirrer up of discontent," and all the saints and reformers who have ever helped to lift the world out of its sorrow and sin?—*Rev. F., Cornwall.*

Compulsory Agitation

"A Gentleman with a Duster" will do well to remember that "insensate strikes" are practically the workman's only effective remedy of reform. The liberties which we now enjoy have been largely effected by this method. I do not agree that industrial prosperity must be the base of Social reform. It is only when the immoral minds of employers devise systems of unfair conditions and rates of pay that workers look around for some means of bettering themselves. Agitators then play their part, but the bulk of thinking men are not influenced by their verbal garbage so much as by the obvious injustices to which they are subjected.—*E. R., Fortis Green.*

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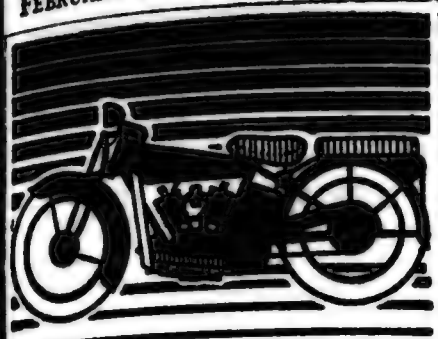

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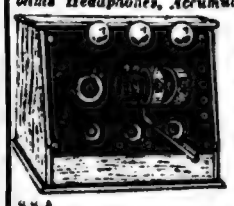

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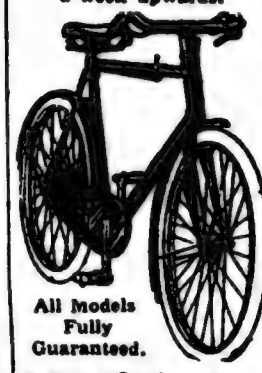

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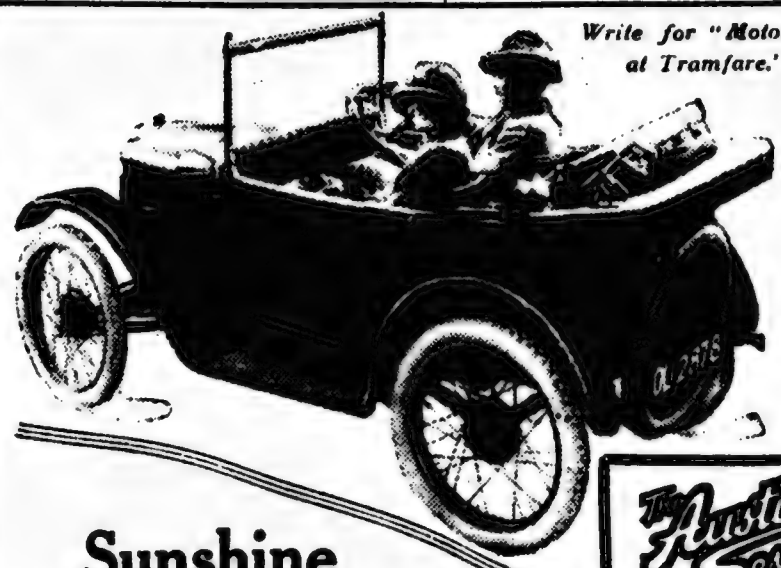

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The first call-over took place at the Beaufort a few hours later. Parth was put in the shop window as favourite, half a dozen were bunched together at 20 to 1, and a few long-shots were on offer. Still there was very little doing.

Shy Bookmakers, Shy Backers.

Bookmakers are shy, backers are shy, and to tell you the truth, so am I. I do not want to give a definite selection unless it is near the mark. So far nothing has been lost by adopting the cautious policy. The well-fancied Pasha, Mr. Bliss, Dawson City, and a few minor lights have made their exit. Fortunately, they have only carried "mugs' money." I think I will sit tight for another week or so.

A Jockey's Big Double.

Jockeys are not credited with second sight when it comes to finding winners, but the other day I received a well-known hurdler's views on the big double. As I have a strong leaning to both the animals which he mentioned I will pass on the double.

Hurrybelle for the Lincoln. Conjuror II. for the big jump.

About Hurrybelle.

Followers of my code selections will remember that I coded Hurrybelle when she made her first appearance over hurdles. This was an information tip. She finished second to Wandering Monk and was not ridden out when pursuit of the leader appeared to be hopeless. Hurrybelle, who is by the same sire as Captain Cuttle and Tom Pinch, is fit and well, and should not find the distance beyond her. I know that many punters will say that fillies do not, as a rule, win the Lincoln. They don't, but remember White Bud. Hurrybelle is asked to carry 7st. 4lbs. The ex-hurdler, Furious, won the Lincoln of 1920 with this weight.

Golden Hope and Condover.

Charlier, who trains Condover and Golden Hope II. at Chantilly, has been good enough to tell my French correspondent that he is well satisfied with the present state of these two horses, but will not decide which is to represent the stable on the Carholme until he has had an opportunity of trying them on the Jockey Club track at the French Newmarket.

No Change for the National.

I see no reason to alter my Grand National selections.

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Ruddy Glow } Long Shots.
Upper Rathduff }

I coded Ruddy Glow to win the Stayers' Handicap Chase at Birmingham, and I think JOHN BULL was the only paper to give Mr. Filmer-Sankey's splendid young 'chaser. Mr. Filmer-Sankey has stated that he may forego the National and keep Ruddy Glow for the Fox-hunters' 'Chase. I hope he decides to let the seven-year-old take his chance with Mr. H. A. Brown up. Ruddy Glow will be sure of a host of followers.

Mr. Filmer-Sankey, the owner of Ruddy Glow.

The French National Horse.

The French National candidate, Gorey, has been tried to the entire satisfaction of owner and trainer in the last few days, and can be reckoned a certain starter for the race at Aintree. He is to have an outing in public, and will then be sent across to England at the end of this month.

Code Selections Still Winning.

Since the commencement of the jumping season, November 24, "Silver Ring's" code selections have shown a steadily increasing profit. Backed to win only they are now 20 points up.

Angry Frenchmen.

French sportsmen are very annoyed with our bookmakers for the way in which they are cramping the odds against any horse from France mentioned as a likely candidate for a future event. They say that 10 to 1 against Ptolemy II. for the Epsom Derby is outrageous with so many months to go before the event, and this is only one case of many. I am inclined to agree with them. On the other hand, they have expressed the opinion that Picaroon is cat's-meat. Picaroon is quoted at 5 to 1!!!

THIS WEEK'S SELECTIONS.

Newbury, Wednesday
BLARE, CONJUROR II.

Newbury, Thursday
GOLDEN, DARK DAVID.

Gatwick, Friday
TIBET, GOLDEN FIZZ.

Gatwick, Saturday
GOLDEN, BACHELOR'S MODEL.

A Pathetic Story.

This is the story of Silas Skinner,
The man who never could back a winner.

He started gaily, a young beginner,
Piously hoping to back a winner.

But he grew grey-haired did the luckless Skinner,
For never once did he back a winner.

The five-pound wires of a crook named Grimer
Cost hundreds and hundreds and gave no winner.

He dreamed of a horse named Maggie Milner
But, when he backed it, it wasn't a winner.

He shut his eyes and jabbed with a pin—a
Ridiculous method of finding a winner.

A jockey gave him a money-spinner,
He staked his shirt but he got no winner.

He robbed his boss like a wicked sinner
And lost the lot in his quest for a winner.

His children waited in vain for their dinner,
"You shall feed," said he, "when I back a winner."

His face grew longer, his hair grew thinner,
And he died, broken-hearted, without a winner.

If you visit his grave, which is down at Pinner,
You'll find this epitaph over Skinner:

"Here lies the body of Silas Skinner,
"The man who *never* could back a winner."

Powell and Parvin.

Captain Powell, of Aldbourne, and his stable jockey, W. Parvin, have been well in the limelight since the commencement of 1925, and although the year is only in its infancy it is evident that F. B. Rees will have to look to his laurels if he wishes to remain champion jockey. Captain Powell specialises in picking up good horses cheaply. He soon turns them to account. His best horse, Ormada, belonged to Mr. James White, but could not win a race on the flat. The four-year-old has captured six hurdle races for Captain Powell and has proved to be one of the best of his year. Captain Powell considered sending Ormada across the Channel to have a cut at the big French prizes, but the four-year-old is tubed. The French authorities will not allow tubed horses to take part in their races.

SILVER RING.

Two coded selections will be given daily in the following papers:—

Sporting Life and Sportsman, Sporting Chronicle, Sporting Pink, Western Mail, Glasgow Noon Record, Birmingham Mail, Irish Independent.

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How to read the code:—In place of the letters or figures advertised in the daily papers read those above or below the line, as the case may be. HSJPMLPBXJ would read BEN CRUCHAN.

This code will be changed in next week's JOHN BULL. It covers the racing from Feb. 25 to March 3.

Soccer this Week-End

IT is often the case that teams drawn together in the Cup meet again in a short time in the League. The Albion and the Villa play at the Hawthorns again this week-end. This is a momentous game for West Bromwich, and so is that of Huddersfield at Birmingham.

Derby County will do themselves no end of good if they can win at Clapton. My opinion is that the Orient will make a draw of it.

Airdrieonians have got a point nearer the Rangers in the Scottish League, and there are more unlikely things than that two titles will change hands—Airdrie become League champions and the Rangers the Cup-holders.

England play Wales this week-end, but the team had not been picked as we went to press. Scotland and Ireland also meet at Belfast. My tips are a draw between the former countries and a win for Scotland.

Cardiff City have set a badly-needed example to other League clubs in releasing players for internationals. This ought to be compulsory all round.

WEEK-END COUPS

7 HOME.—Spurs, Bolton, Leicester C., Manchester U., Swindon, Darlington, Rangers.
5 HOME.—Bolton, Leicester, Darlington, Rangers, Celtic.
3 AWAY.—Southport, Ashington, Hibernians
3 DRAWS.—Cardiff C. v. Newcastle U., Third Lanark v. Airdrieonians, Clapton Orient v. Derby C.
3 HOME, 2 AWAY.—Leicester, Darlington, Rangers, Southport, Hibernians.
1 HOME, 1 AWAY, 1 DRAW.—Rangers, Hibernians, Clapton Orient v. Derby C.

FORECASTS FOR MARCH 7

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION I.

HOME WINNERS.—Aston V., Bury, Liverpool, Manchester C., *Newcastle U., *Sheffield U., *West Ham.
AWAY WINNERS.—*Sunderland, Bolton W.
DRAWS.—Birmingham v. Blackburn R. Huddersfield v. W. Bromwich A.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION II.

HOME WINNERS.—Barnsley, Blackpool, Bradford C., *Derby C., *Middlesbrough, *Portsmouth, Port Vale.
AWAY WINNERS.—Manchester U., *Clapton O., *Leicester C.
DRAW.—*Hull C. v. Chelsea.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION III. (Southern).

HOME WINNERS.—*Charlton A., *Exeter C., *Northampton, *Queen's P.R., *Reading, *Swansea.
AWAY WINNERS.—*Swindon, Millwall, Plymouth A.
DRAWS.—*Newport v. Bristol C., *Watford v. Brighton.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION III. (Northern).

HOME WINNERS.—*Ashington, *Barrow, *Wrexham, *Doncaster R., *Durham, *Lincoln, *Southport.
AWAY WINNERS.—*Rochdale, *Darlington.
DRAWS.—Nelson v. New Brighton, *Wigan v. Bradford.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

HOME WINNERS.—*Aberdeen, *Airdrieonians, *Celtic, *Hamilton A., Morton, Raith R., St. Johnstone.
DRAWS.—*Hibernians v. Rangers, *Motherwell v. St. Mirren, Queen's Park v. Dundee.

As the fourth rounds of both the English and Scottish Cups are to be played on March 7, some of the above fixtures will nece-sarily be cancelled.

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H. F. H., 27.11.24.

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John Bull's Letter Bag

THE Editor may be flippant on this page but his humour is kindly and never malicious, and he wants you to see it in this light. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note and take his leave with a smile. Serious questions are handled by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service. See note at top of last column this page.

L. S. (Clapham Junction).—"Some of my pals are married and some single." Lucky dogs, poor devils.

V. L. (Windermere).—"You'll say this is all nonsense." Nonsense.

B. R. H. (Marylebone).—"My fiancée kisses my cheek." Then kiss her back.

S. D. (Barmouth).—"I have a splendid recipe for dog soap." Good. We know several dirty dogs.

S. S. (Colchester).—"I was a fool to marry her." At least you did not marry your opposite.

D. E. (St. Albans).—"Would you advise me to take the road to Clapham?" They've got one already.

N. B. (Portsmouth).—"A sailor has many narrow escapes." He frequently has many misses.

E. L. M. (Rye).—"My girls always seem to have a cold in the head." That's better than nothing.

S. A. (Birkenhead).—"I looked at her with a stern eye." That's a unique position for an eye!

N. N. (Bradford).—"Excuse me saving paper by writing on both sides." You're still extravagant.

M. J. G. (Ruislip).—"I get a feeling of fullness after meals." Many poor beggars would be glad to share your complaint.

M. H. T. (Settle).—"He says he's related to me and I tell him he's a fool." What a conscience!

J. S. R. (Kelso).—"I can never get Aberdeen on my wireless." Try baiting your aerial wi' saxpence.

H. S. (Hampstead).—"What shall I do when my wife's too ill-tempered to live with?" Use a club.

B. D. (Richmond, Yorks).—"Four hours sleep is enough for any man." So our latest thinks.

A. D. G. (Paddington).—"I dreamt I saw my girl married to an awful fool." Were you happy?

G. N. (Margate).—"I say a man must push to succeed." But he must first pull himself together.

R. S. (Swindon).—"She fainted and I brought her to." Surely one would have been enough?

A. M. (Walsall).—"They tell me there are two kinds of gold in Klondike." Still, you may take your pick.

B. D. (Torquay).—"I hope you will be able to follow this." But we cannot get into the W.P.B.

G. N. (Barmouth).—"High tides here washed away a bandstand where members of a concert party have performed for twenty years." No wonder the waves grew wild.

L. D. (Huddersfield).—"My son wants to be a tailor." It's a fitting career.

G. K. (Tottenham).—"I first met my sweetheart while skating." Which of you broke the ice first?

L. C. (Chelmsford).—"Some husbands are content to stay at home and listen-in." Not if their wives are loud speakers.

P. T. (Guildford).—"I ask you, is there any advance?" Are you an auctioneer?

F. J. (London, S.W.).—"Some laundries are very slow." Others are in a tearing hurry.

L. B. (Burton).—"I have a friend who is a beer-bottler." He must have a corking time.

K. L. (Preston).—"Some days my husband doesn't eat anything at all." He's evidently leading a fast life.

G. H. (Kettering).—"I'm a long way from a fool." You write as if you were beside yourself.

H. J. (Tottenham).—"There's an art in bricklaying." We have noticed bricklayers posing prettily against the skyline.

B. Y. (Preston).—"Over-indulgence in alcohol affects people in different ways." Some get blind and others see things.

L. N. I. (Birmingham).—"He offered me a penny for my thoughts." What extravagance!

H. N. (Barnes).—"Does a cocktail make one hungry?" Well, it wets the appetite.

F. F. (Southwark).—"My friends say I am mounting the ladder of fame." Then don't let them pull your leg.

LAURENCE R. (Doncaster). — "My fiancée is such a pensive little girl." Cheer up. She'll be expensive when she's married.

P. O. (Bradford).—"I can't understand this talk of nerves sending messages to the brain." Try sitting on the business end of a tack.

J. O. (Reading).—"What would you do if your wife went mad on sterilising everything in the house?" Even relations would be strained.

JACK (Plymouth).—"She tattooed a heart on the back of my hand." She's evidently a designing young woman.

G. K. (Kennington).—"I mean to quaff deep of the wine of life." Don't be silly. Life's a battle—not a bottle.

W. G. F. (Edgware).—"Though I am twenty-one, my mother still thinks I ought to stay at home." You mustn't let her "Ma" your career like that.

L-FIT (Stockwell).—"My fiancée says my hair is too precious to be cut short." So he naturally doesn't want you to sacrifice it for a "bob."

P. T. (Dorking).—"By the time I've dug for an hour in the vegetable patch, I positively ache." Now you know why it's called a *back* garden.

H. P. (Pudsey).—"I went for a long tramp on a lonely road." That's better than a long tramp going for you on a lonely road.

G. S. (Brighton).—"She keeps a shop and is the greatest gossip in the street." Then it's just as well she has to shut up for one half day of the week.

R. T. (Bath).—"A sculptor wants to make a model of my head and shoulders." What will your wife say when she sees you on the bust?

H. M. (Islington).—"Are there many women watch-makers in this country?" Comparatively few. But there are plenty of dial-painters.

F. N. (Bedford).—"The way the money lenders prey on the public is simply awful." The trouble is that they find so many of the public awfully simple.

K. N. (Ayton).—"Feminine fashions are becoming very ugly." Hardly any dresses suit their wearers down to the ground.

H. N. (Strood).—"A prize-fighting veteran who lives here once fought a fifty-three-round contest amidst continuous cheers." Nowadays we are less demonstrative and simply remark that it's going to be a good fight, wasn't it?

G. R. S. (Bournemouth).—"I don't want my name to appear in print." Then don't enter for *Bullets* this week—those who do run the risk of heading the prize-list with a £1,500 First.

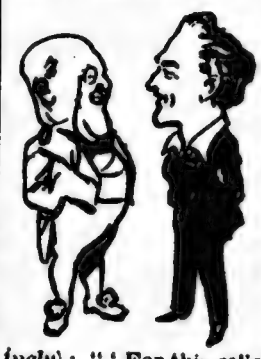
Imaginary Talks.

Two New Hamlets

[*The Showman is ushered into John Barrymore's dressing-room at the Haymarket Theatre.*]

THE SHOWMAN: "Good evening, Mr. Barrymore, I expect you're tired of interviewers?"

JOHN BARRYMORE: "Absolutely! Though I must say your's is the cheeriest face I've seen to-day."



THE SHOWMAN: "Well, I've come on a cheery mission! I'll set your mind at rest—I haven't come for a list of your hobbies or to ask the name of your favourite flower."

JOHN BARRYMORE (*laughingly*): "'For this relief much thanks.'"

THE SHOWMAN: "Moreover, I shan't take up much of your time. I just fancied you might be interested to know that I am introducing a new 'Hamlet' myself."

JOHN BARRYMORE: "This is a surprise—might I ask where?"

THE SHOWMAN: "In the current *Passing Show*. It is a burlesque by Ben Travers. You'll find it delightfully refreshing."

JOHN BARRYMORE: "Good! I can do with a refresher. Playing Hamlet is something of a strain, you know."

THE SHOWMAN: "It must be. Here's a copy of the *Passing Show* for you to peruse at leisure."

JOHN BARRYMORE: "Thanks very much. It looks a wonderful two-penny-worth! Who's the cover by?"

THE SHOWMAN: "Gilbert Wilkinson. No one has ever been able to decipher his signature; but his works are inimitable. He's a regular contributor to our pages."

JOHN BARRYMORE: "He deserves to be! I think this cover's great!"

THE SHOWMAN: "And I think you'll say the same about the contents. I'll leave you to it. Good-bye!"

GOOD advice is as good as an eye in the hand. That is a French saying which applies directly to our Free Advice Service. Whatever your problem, you should seek our counsel. Send a stamped and addressed envelope with your query and a confidential reply will be sent you.

Why be worried? If you have anything on your mind which makes the days dreary and the nights long seek the advice of our expert staff of specialists who can relieve you of your worry.

Write to-day. The silver lining will be shown you.

T. T. (Dunkeld).—"What steps must I take to escape her?" Long ones.

S. S. (Southampton).—"I've told him for the last time I will not." Then we presume the next time you will.

N. P. (Horsham).—"My new boots squeak something cruel." Cheap!

C. R. (Goole).—"If you know nothing, say nothing." And if you know something, say less.

P. P. (Willesden).—"I keep the compartment to ourselves by standing at the window and looking out." What a face!

L. M. (Hanley).—"I took the money, fully believing it to be mine." That was a mis-take.

O. P. (Harrogate).—"I have always lived with the highest families." We know those top-story flats.

P. E. (Keighley).—"I don't believe any man will get to heaven." Target—the last hope of some women!

I. V. (Welwyn).—"A certain young man has given me a ring." No man is really certain before the register is signed.

E. A. H. (Upper Tooting).—"My husband says I want everything I think of." That isn't much.

B. L. (Lewes).—"Do you ever take a month off?" Tearing down the calendar is the office boy's job.

W. M. (Gainsborough).—"The more a man gets the more he wants." Not when he gets six months.

C. C. (Rothesay).—"I blush even as I pen it to you." No wonder! Even the envelope was dirty!

P. L. D. (Shrewsbury).—"I object to be dubbed a conceited ass." We never said you were conceited.

W. D. (Oxford).—"This horse is only a stone's-throw from the railway." But who the dickens wants to throw stones at a railway?

V. L. (Hammersmith).—"What do you think about St. Paul's coming down?" That it's about the only thing not going up.

S. T. (Birmingham).—"I made up my mind to punish the lad but he ran out of the house." He evidently realised that the thought was father to the swish.

H. N. (Hampstead).—"At one time revues were topical." Those running at present were topical at one time, we feel sure.

G. J. (London, W.).—"Is wireless really of educational value?" Well, the headphones make it impossible for the sound to go in at one ear and out of the other.

T. Q. (Luton).—"JOHN BULL is read aloud in our family circle every Sunday night." Then you've discovered the secret of squaring the circle.

F. N. (Wimbledon).—"Plus-fours for women tennis players will not improve their game." If the fashion catches on it is certain that more bloomers will be made.

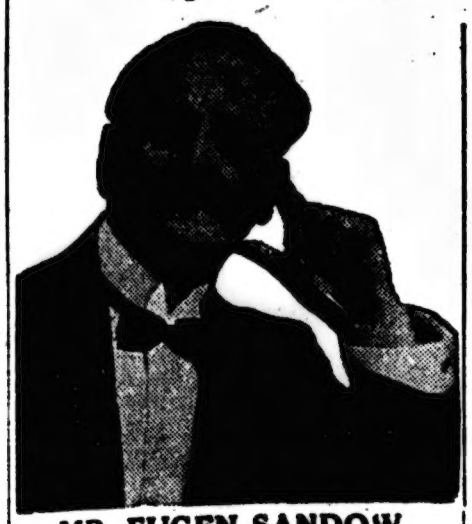
(*Many replies unavoidably held over.*)

WONDERFUL CURES OF ILLNESS WITHOUT MEDICINE

Special Page of Advice and Valuable Offer to Readers of "John Bull."

By Mr. EUGEN SANDOW.

NOTE.*—*Very special importance is attached to this page because Mr. Eugen Sandow is the greatest living authority on the Cure of Illness Without Medicine and has himself, through his famous Institute and his Specialised System of Personal Postal Courses of Instruction, been the means of bringing nearly a quarter of a million of people back to health and strength. It must be specially noted in the remarkable reports given below that not only do the cured patients speak for themselves, but actually give their Medical Men's opinions and observations on the satisfactory results Mr. Sandow's methods have brought about.



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"But, firstly, I ask you to accept my broadcast offer and call and see me or write for your free volume in the Health Library and my personal letter of advice.

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NEURASTHENIA.

THE 20th CENTURY DISEASE WITH 150 PAINFUL SYMPTOMS.

Why Doctors Approve Mr. Sandow's Drugless Treatment.

It is now universally held that to the nerve-weak, exhausted, debilitated man or woman, medicines or drugs are worse than useless, for if they seem to spasmodically tone up the system, they are in reality eating up the narrow reserve of nerve force or vitality that lies between the weakened condition and total collapse.

Just a few minutes a day is all the time Mr. Sandow asks, and whether you enjoy a short course of curative exercise at his Institute or in your own home you will be greatly surprised to find how quickly your mind and body will respond to his simple yet scientific treatment.

Doctors endorse with the greatest enthusiasm the wonderful progress made by Mr. Sandow's patients, as the following brief report shows.

Case No. A.32425, Mr. R. W. R., aged 36.

I was examined a few days ago by the Bank doctor. He said I was in better physical condition than when he examined me before, so that is satisfactory.

OBESITY.

ALWAYS A HANDICAP, SOMETIMES A DANGER.

The success of the "Sandow" treatment in the cure of obesity is wonderfully consistent, and a factor that medical men are glad to endorse is that as the flesh reduction is so steadily carried out, the heart, circulatory system, nerve tone, and indeed the whole general condition of mind and body is greatly improved. Certainly there is no safer, natural or more certain method of weight reduction, and medical men have been glad to testify both to treatment at the Sandow Institute and Mr. Sandow's method of Home Postal Instructions.

There is a special volume in Mr. Sandow's Library dealing with Obesity, which you are invited to send for, whilst a personal consultation —without obligation—with Mr. Sandow is available to every caller at his Institute. A few patients' reports medically endorsed are given below.

Case No. A.36836, Miss C. A. K., aged 27.

Am still losing weight, and my health is excellent. Everyone is remarking upon the great improvement. The varicose veins are much less troublesome. (Patient's weight was 16st. 10½lb., and is now 14st. 2lb., a reduction of 2st. 8½lb., and 8in. in waist reduction.)

Mr. Sandow only accepts a case, either for Treatment at his Institute or through his specialised postal courses, when he has every confidence that success will result (see "Truth" figures).

Case No. A.33616, Mr. A. B., aged 35.

The state of my heart has been improved, my doctor states. I have improved so much that I took a walk of about 15-20 miles on Sunday in Derbyshire.

Case No. A.33843, Mr. T. J. A., aged 40.

I have seen my doctor. He sounded my heart.

WORLD'S HEADQUARTERS OF CURING ILLNESS WITHOUT MEDICINE A VIEW OF THE ENQUIRY HALL AT SANDOW CURATIVE INSTITUTE

To every reader of "John Bull" who is in any way troubled with his or her health condition there is extended a cordial invitation to call and see Mr. Eugen Sandow, the great authority on Curing Illness Without Medicine. Without obligation of any kind he will consider your case, and tell you freely and frankly whether he can help you or not. A visit to Mr. Sandow has been the first step from weakness to health for thousands, and when all other methods of treatment have failed, it is really your duty to call for a few consultations if you can. If you cannot call there is a free volume in Mr. Sandow's Health Library that deals with your health trouble. You have only to fill in the coupon below to secure this, and a personal letter of advice. There is no obligation whatsoever.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT FOR MEN AND WOMEN.

GAINING VALUABLE AND LOSING UNDESIRED INCHES.

How Mr. Sandow Achieves the Ideal Manly Man and the Envied, Graceful Woman.

If you could collect and picture the army of narrow-shouldered, stooping, undeveloped men who personally or "postally" had taken the advice "Go to Sandow," and then see them a few weeks or months hence, leaving Mr. Sandow's hands, you would think that in some miraculous way he had created a new generation.

Mr. Sandow's methods of adding inches to chest measurements on to one's height involves no miracle. We know how in war days he turned a host of "rejecteds" into most fit, fine and healthy men.

The few extracts from patients' reports and the endorsement given by medical practitioners should be read carefully by those who wish to improve their physical proportions.

Case No. 33838, Mr. W. L., aged 17.

I have improved in health and strength; my muscles are hard as steel when tensed. The doctor was surprised I had got on so well.

Case No. 32494, Mr. A. C., aged 20.

I have been successful in my medical examination for the Plymouth Police Force; I passed on Friday last. I feel certain it was only your treatment that made me fit, you are sure of getting my recommendation, and I must thank you sincerely for what you have done for me.

MODERN TREATMENT OF HEART TROUBLES.

IMPORTANT STATEMENTS BY MEDICAL MEN.

If there is one class of ailments where there might appear to be a doubt as to whether Mr. Eugen Sandow's system of individually directed exercise treatment would meet its full measure of success, this class would be heart trouble. But, remarkable as the facts are, as vouched for by patients themselves and their own medical men, it is in such cases that Mr. Sandow meets with some of his most notable successes. The reason to these who know is clear.

and said it was next door to sound. I told him I was doing Sandow's exercises and he said: "Very good thing."

INDIGESTION & DYSPEPSIA.

EVERY-DAY TROUBLES—DRUGS DO NOT CURE.

What Doctors Say About Mr. Sandow's Method.

Those so-called simple everyday troubles, indigestion and dyspepsia, are probably responsible for more eventual breakdowns than any other health troubles.

What the doctors think of Mr. Sandow's drugless system of treatment is clearly shown by the endorsement given to the patients' own reports appended below.

When you have read these you should make the wise decision to call for a personal consultation with Mr. Eugen Sandow himself—there is no obligation—or if you cannot call, write for the special volume in his Free Health Library entitled "Indigestion and Dyspepsia." If you will fill in the coupon at the foot of this page it will be sent you gratis.

Case No. A.33466, Mr. S. B., aged 24.

I attended the doctor last evening . . . and he advised me to write you at once, and he said that you could bring about great improvement far quicker than he could.

Case No. A.35182, Mrs. S. A. W., aged 33.

I went to my doctor during the middle of my course. He agreed with all the exercises I was doing, and said he only wished all his patients could take up such a course; it would do them far more good than his medicines.

CONSTIPATION.

ITS CAUSE AND CURE.

A Very Important Volume in Mr. Sandow's Free Health Library.

Constipation is a trouble that frequently gives rise to a generally disordered state of health. Indigestion, flatulence, palpitation, sallow and spotted complexion, and very often nervous irritation and headache follow. By strengthening all the muscles of the intestinal tract, and stimulating the action of the liver and bowels, Mr. Sandow's natural method of treatment encourages a permanent cure of even the most stubborn and chronic cases.

Certain it is that it is literally "madness" to neglect this ailment, for the non-removal of waste products frequently poisons the whole system. In children especially this trouble should be watched.

It is found that a course under Mr. Sandow's guidance, either at his Institute or at home, is all that is necessary to bring about the desired results, and patients are not only delighted with their "cure," but amazed at the all-round general improvement in health.

Case No. A.38042, Mrs. A. M. G., aged 32.

My back is certainly much stronger, and it is now no effort to stand or sit erect, and my general health is greatly improved. It has also cured me of constipation. I mentioned your treatment to my doctor, and his remark was: "Sandow is splendid."

Mr. SANDOW'S GREAT FREE HEALTH LIBRARY.

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Prison for Poverty

A Breadwinner Dragged to Jail for Debt

IMPRISONMENT for debt is still in vogue, as is shown in the pathetic appeal for assistance from "The Greatest of These—" Fund which reached us last week from a poor woman at Margate. She has been left with her only boy to starve for a month while her husband languishes in Maidstone jail as a penalty for being too poor to pay his rates.

He is an ex-Service man who fought throughout the Great War. Upon his return to civilian life he experienced a long period of unemployment during which arrears of rates accumulated to the amount of £20. When in work he reduced this debt to £13 by paying instalments of 5s. a week. Then there came another spell of unemployment, which was only recently broken.

Just as he was hoping to be able to resume the payment of instalments a fresh misfortune befell him. During the second week he was at work, his hand was caught in some machinery, and he had to attend hospital with it.

Anxious not to be idle, he went back to work at his own risk before his hand was properly healed, and then received twenty-four hours' notice to pay the £13 odd outstanding against him for rates!

He was quite unable to comply, and the following day he was dragged from his work to prison.

He is a steady man who does not drink, and has always done his best to meet his obligations. His only crime is poverty.

His wife, who is past middle age and not in the best of health, has collapsed with the shock. She is left penniless by this senseless interference with the breadwinner's liberty, and has no means of paying the rent or providing food for herself and her son.

The case is vouched for by the vicar of the parish, and "The Greatest of These—" Fund has once more proved a practical friend in need.

"The Greatest of These—"

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The solution of Cross-words No. 3, which was published in our issue of February 14. The 1,000 prizes have been despatched and a list of prize-winners can be seen at this office.

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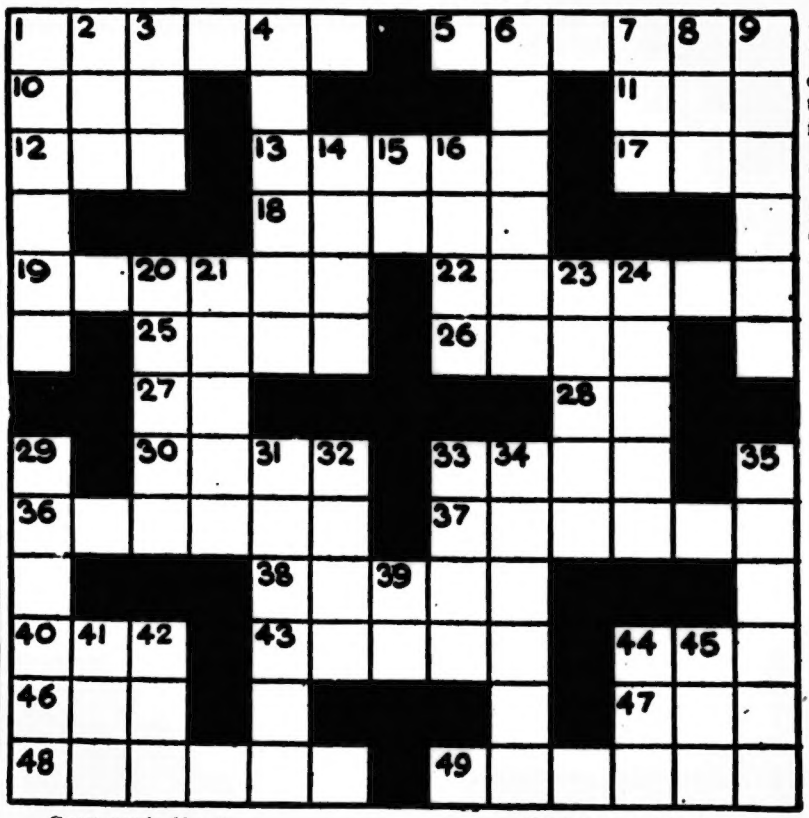

Cross-words No. 5. Closing date March 4.

NAME .....

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HERE is another straightforward cross-word puzzle. Good everyday words that can be found in an ordinary dictionary and names of well-known places, together with a minimum of two-letter words, are a feature of JOHN BULL'S cross-word puzzles.

ONE THOUSAND prizes will be awarded to the senders of the first thousand correct solutions opened by the Editor. Entries must be received by March 4. To ensure absolute fairness no solutions will be opened until after the closing date.

CLUES.

ACROSS.

1. For ever
5. Pertaining to singing.
10. Small cube.
11. Before.
12. Lyric Poem.
13. River in Africa.
17. Plant.
18. Mohammedan Bible.
19. "Bullets" Prize.
22. English town.
25. Open space
26. To Engrave.
27. Accomplish.
28. Alternative.
30. Scottish island.
33. Trouble.
36. Consisting of small particles.
37. Man's name.
38. Deviation from right course.
40. Quicker than walking.
43. Forbear.
44. Before (prefix).
46. Indefinite pronoun.
47. Auricular appendage.
48. Up to date.
49. What an unlicalled - for remark does

DOWN.

1. Takes over.
2. Cover.
3. Small.
4. Citizen of foreign country
6. Species of wasp.
7. Material.
8. Part of auxiliary verb.
9. Studied.
14. Small quantities.
15. Seen on mail vans.
16. Repose.
20. Pertaining to wireless.
21. Horse's attendant.
22. Fruit eaten by pigs.
24. Sometimes a crowd.
29. Police-man's beat.
31. Relations.
32. Measure.
34. Greek letter.
35. Re-train.
39. Directs.
41. Artist's ambition.
42. Girl's name.
43. A snare.
44. To shut up.
45. School-boy's joke

Fill in the Puzzle squares, write your name and address in the space provided, cut out the whole and post to Cross-words No. 5, P.O. Box 200, "John Bull" Long Acre, London, W.C.2. Cross-word solutions must not be enclosed with "Bullets" coupons.

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[BOND] OF HER—HE IS—SHE'S SHE.

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[WHAT] THE PASSENGER SAID—"*My* PIPE YOU'RE [LIGHTING]."

[BELLS], 1, Beach Street, Addingham, Ilkley.
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[E. PAULL], 3, Hills Terrace, Cardiff.
[ON] OF RECKONING—MISSUS'S SHILLINGSWORTH [GOOD BOOKS].

[J. PILL], 164, High Street, Deal, Kent.
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[EVANS], 20, Englishcombe Park, Bath.
[HEAD] OF THE [TROUBLE]—REFERENCE NUMBER ON [LOST]-LETTER.

Other Prize-winners will be found on page 31.

EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" No. 554.

WORLD WE LIVE IN
LIKE THE PRINCE
HEARD IN THE HOUSE
IF I WERE WINSTON
WHAT'S COMING
PATH TO PEACE
AT TWENTY-ONE
THE LION'S TAIL
PLEASURE
ON HIS ACCOUNT
HER RIVAL
CURIOUS
MISTAKE WE MAKE
TOLD IN A WHISPER
AT FIRST
EASIEST WAY
NOT JUST YET
ENGLISHMAN'S HOME
I WONDER WHEN
DONE FOR
DESERVES A MEDAL
MAN'S MASTER
WITHOUT FATHER
LADY NEXT DOOR
HEAVY LOAD
IN LIFE'S RACE
SELDOM
UNTIL HE LEFT
WIFE'S MONEY
SLUM MOTHER
CAN'T SEE WHY
HONESTY
WHAT THE CUSTOMER SAID
FOR LOVE
TO-DAY'S PROBLEM
CAN'T BE BOUGHT
HER BEAUTY
SINCE THE WAR
CUPID
WHAT IS FOOD?

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Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
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Example _____ Closing Date, Thursday, March 12.
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(554) P.O. No. _____
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Signed _____
Address _____

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Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
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HOUSE WE WANT TOO MUCH TO EXPECT WHAT SHE BUYS OVER THE TEACUPS NO FUN WHAT THE OPTIMIST SAID CHARITY WHEN PARTING I WONDER HOW—FOR A LITTLE HIGH AND MIGHTY SAFER NOW TOO OFTEN OUT OF THE QUESTION LOT TO SAY A SAMPLE COMMON COMPLAINT STEALING WOULDN'T HURT WHAT IS A SPORTSMAN?

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